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Unions deal double blow to Labour

By Philip Bassett and Jill Sherman

RELATIONS between Labour and the unions reached a new low yesterday when Tony Blair suffered a double rebuff from trade union leaders...



people, but cost a very large number of jobs and leave them unemployed. Mr Blair also found himself at odds with the unions over the postal dispute yesterday...



Wu Hui Hua and Shih Jong Rong, visitors to London, at the Mysteries of Ancient China exhibition yesterday

US ready to make 'massive' attack on Iraq

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE United States was preparing "massive" retaliatory action against President Saddam Hussein last night after an Iraqi missile launcher fired on two American F16 fighters patrolling the no-fly zone over the region...

Cull cows or export ban stays, EU says

By Philip Webster and Charles Bremner

BRITAIN was given a blunt warning by Brussels yesterday that it would refuse to lift the export ban on British beef if the selective cull of 125,000 cattle was not carried through...

supported the view of Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, that the slaughter programme should not proceed if there is no likelihood of the export ban being lifted...

Unemployment down again

Unemployment fell in August to its lowest level since March 1991. The seasonally adjusted total of those out of work and claiming benefit was down 15,600 to 2,110,400, compared with a fall of 24,300 in July...

Chinese find mausoleum of First Emperor intact

By Dallya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

CHINESE archaeologists have discovered that the First Emperor's mausoleum, built over decades by 700,000 slaves, remains intact and was neither violated nor ransacked as ancient writings from around 130 BC had led scholars to believe...



This bizarre bronze beast may have been part of a ceremonial drum stand Arts, page 35

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Blame over boy

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said the case of Matthew Wilson, the ten-year-old Nottinghamshire schoolboy, had been badly handled by all involved and he had been turned into a "notorious hero"...

Rabies theory makes Poe's death stranger than fiction

By Tom Rhodes



Poe heavy drinker

ALMOST 147 years after Edgar Allan Poe was found sprawled outside a tavern in Baltimore, theories about the American author's death have become a macabre mirror of his own art...

died of rabies. Dr Michael Benitez claims that the symptoms of his final illness coincide with those of a rabies victim. Poe suffered periods of confusion tinged with acute alertness, as well as an apparent attack of hydrophobia...

he had been on a drinking binge, and on that obituary rests the basis for a variety of myths about Poe's death. Although Poe was known to have been a heavy drinker and consumed opiates, medical records indicate he had avoided alcohol for six months before his death...

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'I thought: How dare you? I grabbed the gun and said: Stop it, young man'

# Beautician fought off armed mugger on Tube train

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A BEAUTICIAN described yesterday how she fought off a teenage mugger who pulled a gun on her and demanded money as she travelled alone in a carriage on the London Underground.

Shanz Mughal, 42, said she thought she was "finished" when Mowled Hussein, 16, brandished the weapon and tried to snatch her handbag. But anger overcame her fear and she kicked him before grabbing the gun and telling him to stop.

"I thought, 'How dare you?' I grabbed hold of the gun with both hands and said, 'Stop it, young man. I was more angry than anything that he could have so little respect to do this,'" she said.

The gun was later found to be an imitation. At the Old Bailey yesterday Hussein, a Somali refugee living in Harlesden, north London, admitted attempted robbery and possessing an imitation firearm with intent.

Outside court, Miss Mughal, a beauty consultant at a clinic in Kensington, said that she had been travelling to see friends in Wembley Park, on the Jubilee Line, on a Sunday evening in March

when a group of youths entered the next carriage at Cannon Park. As the train started moving, one of them came through the connecting door into her carriage.

"I thought he was coming for money or a cigarette. He stood about a foot away from me and pointed at my bag saying, 'Give me money.'"

Miss Mughal, 5ft 2in, was several inches shorter than her attacker, but she said that her immediate instinct was to fight back. "I just got hold of his hand and I twisted his finger and pushed him away. But he came at me again and I kicked him in the groin."

Hussein then pulled something silver from his pocket. "I thought it was a knife and that's when I really went cold. Then he went click, click with it. I realised it was a gun and he pointed it at me. I thought I was finished, but I got hold of the gun and said to him, 'Stop it, young man. No.'"

Hussein retreated into the next carriage and Miss Mughal pulled the emergency cord, stopping the train as it pulled into the next station. Two members of the public and Underground staff ran to her aid as she pointed at

Hussein trying to leave the platform. They held on to him until the police arrived.

Matthew Kennedy, for the prosecution, told William Clegg, QC, the Recorder, that the gun was later established to be a cigarette lighter shaped like a revolver. It was never retrieved, as Hussein threw it to a gang of three boys as they ran away. It was identified by a member of London Transport staff who had a similar lighter.

Mr Clegg adjourned the case until October 16 for presentence reports, but warned Hussein: "I want to make it plain that I cannot conceive any other sentence than a custodial one. I want the defendant to be under no illusions as to his fate."

Miss Mughal, of Ilford, Essex, said that she did not regret her action, but would not do it again. "I did it because I was angry. I thought, 'How dare he do this?' Afterwards I was in shock. I cannot believe I did this."

She still travels on the Tube but said she was nervous of strangers. "Now if someone walks up to me in the street I have to cross the road."



Shanz Mughal, left, outside the Old Bailey yesterday with her niece, Zara

# Choir's second suicide linked to pornography

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A SECOND member of a renowned boys' choir has killed himself after being arrested over child sex allegations, it emerged yesterday.

Police said music teacher Adrian Bush, an adult member of the Wenhampton Choir in Suffolk who played the piano at its concerts, had been questioned over child pornography seized at his home. Mr Bush, 51, was arrested in April under Operation Aurora, a nationwide crackdown on child pornography, and found dead in his home-filled car in May while on police bail.

An inquest in June, which heard he was suffering from a depressive illness and recorded a suicide verdict, was not told of the pornography seizure. Meanwhile, detectives are investigating the suicide of Christopher Barnett, the choirmaster, who fell to his death from the 150ft-high Orwell Bridge, near Ipswich on Thursday of last week.

Mr Barnett, 37, had been charged the previous day with indecency and placed on police bail pending inquiries into two similar investigations. He had been due to take 35 boys on a concert tour of America next month, accompanied by Mr Bush.

Police set up an incident room at Halesworth, Suffolk, yesterday and appealed for possible victims of Mr Barnett to come forward in a joint inquiry with Suffolk social services. A dozen people have

approached the police, but senior officers said none had so far implicated Mr Bush. Detective Chief Inspector Andrew Ravasio, who is leading the child abuse investigation, said there was no evidence of a paedophile ring at work or of a direct link between the deaths of the two men, but added that he was keeping an open mind.

He said: "There is no evidence that Mr Bush was directly involved in child abuse. The Barnett inquiry is ongoing and we have to keep a completely open mind until we speak to his victims."

Mr Barnett, from Halesworth, was married with two sons. He founded the Wenhampton Boys' Choir 12 years ago. A former professional snooker player, he had links with 18 choirs in the north Suffolk area, including two at local schools. The choir has won many awards and performed at churches and cathedrals all over Europe.

Mr Bush, from Ipswich, who was married for 24 years, was said at the inquest to have been depressed about unfounded allegations of a criminal nature which had been made against him by his adopted son, who is now serving a prison sentence. His widow, Celia, said music was "his whole life" but that he had been unable to work because of his depression. His body was found in his car at Wantisden Church near Woodbridge, Suffolk.

# Council raises sign rather than cut grass

By PAUL WILKINSON

STEPHEN Kay was pleased when a workman turned up after he had complained about long grass obscuring a road sign close to his home.

But instead of taking a mower from the back of his council van, the man unloaded welding gear and gloves. Then he took down the sign, added a 4ft section to the top of the existing 6ft pole, and repositioned the sign.

Mr Kay, 40, a chocolate factory maintenance manager, said: "I couldn't believe it when the man set up his welding machine and extended the road sign. It was farcical. Surely it would have been easier to mow the grass. I was left scratching my head in wonderment."

Mr Kay said he had contacted York City Council after he and his wife Carol became concerned that the road signs outside his home were becoming obscured by particularly high grass. They were worried that cars would go too fast along the lane that their son Mark has to cross to get to school.

"The overgrown grass was looking messy and I complained the sign could be seen on this fast stretch of road. What a crazy way to solve the problem," he said.

Mr Kay is now worried that the council is never going to cut the grass again. Mrs Kay said: "In the past North Yorkshire Council al-



Stephen Kay and the now-elevated sign

# Co-pilot is grounded by fear of heights

By ADRIAN LEE

AN AIRCRAFT carrying 49 passengers was forced to make an unscheduled landing after the co-pilot had an anxiety attack at 33,000ft and said he was afraid of the height.

The man, in his 30s and a pilot for seven years, complained of feeling unwell on the Maersk Air BAC 1-11 flight from Birmingham to Milan over Moulins, in France. He stated that he was "frightened of the altitude."

According to the air accident investigation branch report the co-pilot refused oxygen or a soft drink and "continued to show symptoms of anxiety and stress."

At that stage the co-pilot was showing such severe symptoms that the standard "incapacitation drill" of sliding him back in his seat and locking his harness could not be carried out by the purser.

The captain requested permission to land at Lyons, in daylight, on May 9. During the descent, he considered his co-pilot had recovered sufficiently to assist with the landing checklist. This was completed safely.

Roseanne Crossey, a spokeswoman for Maersk, a Norwegian-owned British Airways franchise operator, said the co-pilot left the airline four days after the incident. "The pilot had been with us for just under a year and there had been no problem before. I don't believe that he is flying any more."

# Yo-Yo Ma. A serious musician who calls his cello Petunia.



Yo-Yo Ma has been called the greatest cellist of his generation.

Mr Ma merely describes himself as "very fortunate," for he plays on the Davidoff Stradivarius (previously played by the late Jacqueline de Pré) and a Montagnana made in Venice in 1733.

"They have different voices," he explains, describing the Stradivarius as "more tenor, while the Montagnana is earthier, more baritone."

However, Mr Ma insists he can only elicit the most pleasing sound from each instrument by exercising its full musical

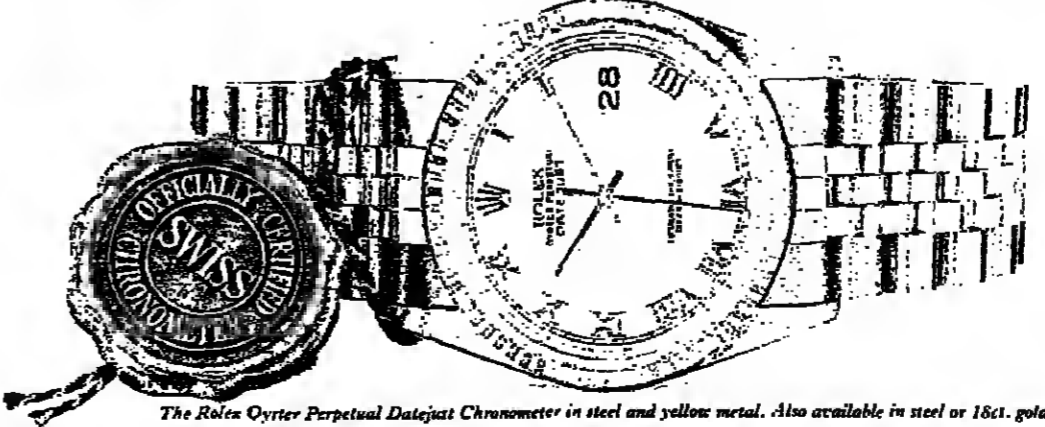
range. Thus, besides giving classical performances, he frequently commissions and premieres new works. He plays with musicians from the Kalahari Desert to Nashville, Tennessee; and gives master classes almost anywhere he goes.

"Once I played the Montagnana at a master class in Salt Lake City," he confides, "and a student suggested a name for it."

And since Yo-Yo must always buy these instruments their own airline tickets when travelling, he has sometimes been amused to hear himself request "one ticket for myself, and one for my cello, Petunia!"

On the subject of his third instrument, the Rolex Chronometer which also accompanies him everywhere, Ma is equally candid and affectionate. "I just love it," he says. "It's extremely elegant. And utterly indestructible."

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# Southend offers last resort for hounded Indian MP

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI AND ADRIAN LEE

NUMBER 148 Johnstone Road, a pleasant detached house in Southend-on-Sea, is not an obvious hotbed of international intrigue. But its clipped hedges hide a scandal which has shaken India.

Inside is Sukh Ram, a former minister wanted for questioning in his homeland about the discovery of a huge cash hoard at his Delhi residence. He arrived in the Essex resort a month ago, dragging Johnstone Road into the limelight. Rather than return home to face his interrogators, Mr Ram chose to break his journey from the United States, where he had been receiving medical treatment, to "recuperate" with relatives in Southend.

Since then he has shown little inclination to return to India. Almost daily, Indian journalists are to be seen in Johnstone Road, demanding answers from a reluctant Mr Ram. His daughter, Aruna Ram, the wife of a doctor, politely turns them away from



The house in Southend

the house, which doubles as a surgery.

Yesterday she would say only: "He's not well. He will be going back. He will give his statement when he arrives in India. The problem is the political situation in India, things are not right there. We just want to mind our own business and be left alone."

The Indian Central Bureau of Investigation has given Mr Ram until this Sunday to leave Britain. Meanwhile, he has been expelled from India's Congress Party but is still a member of Parliament, representing a north Indian seat in his home state, Himachal

Pradesh. "The information that we would like him to return has been conveyed to him," said a spokeswoman for the High Commission for India in London yesterday.

India and Britain have an extradition treaty but the British Government has not yet been involved in the scandal, which began with a raid on Mr Ram's homes in Delhi and Mandi, in the Himalayan foothills, while he was abroad.

Since then, bank lockers in the names of family members have been raided by police, yielding rupees and jewellery. The cash, amounting to £660,000, which friends claimed was "planted", was found in an attaché case.

Mr Ram, Communications Minister until earlier this year, has said he feels "shock and agony" about his treatment. But Indian police suspect he has delayed his departure until his lawyers ensure he does not face immediate arrest when he steps from his plane.



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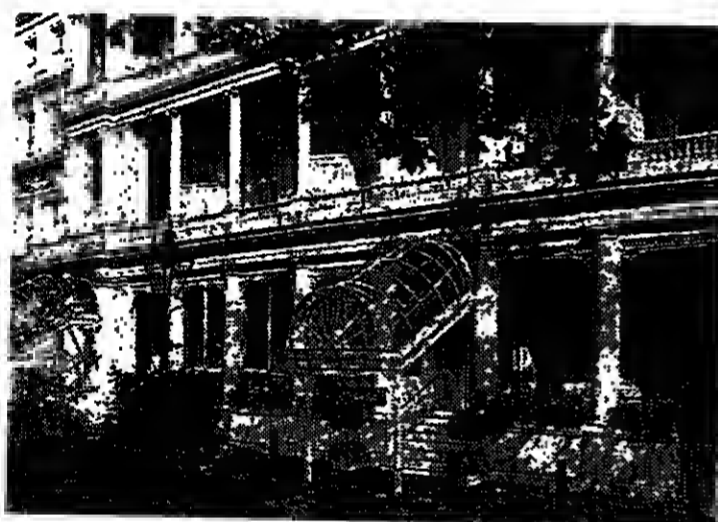
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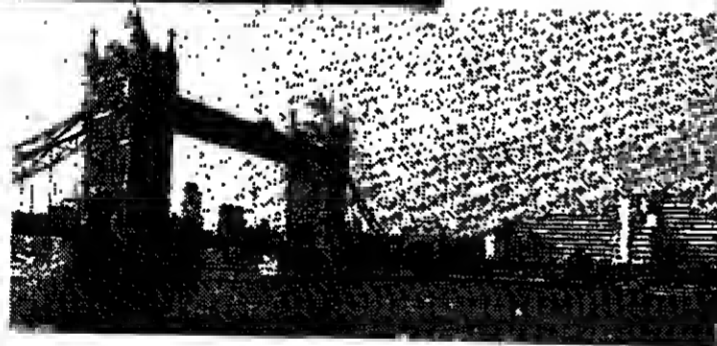
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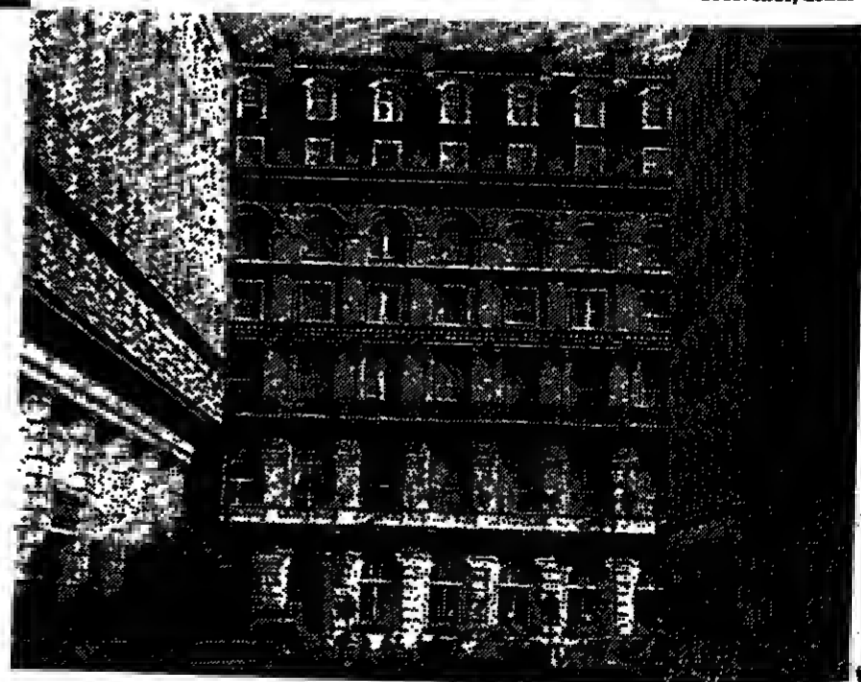
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Child tells specially trained officers that she saw man bludgeon mother and sister to death

# Josephine 'waved at killer before hammer attack'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE child who survived a hammer attack that left her mother and six-year-old sister bludgeoned to death may have waved to their killer, police said yesterday.



Josephine, frightened by police E-fit of killer

Nine-year-old Josephine Russell has told detectives that she saw the same man launch his murderous assault with a hammer. Detectives are still trying to discover in which order Josephine, her sister, Megan, her mother Lin and the family dog were attacked on July 9.

Two trained officers are using "cognitive" interviewing techniques to slowly extract details of the murders from the child, whose speech has been severely impaired as a result of serious head injuries.

She has told police that an E-fit of a man seen close to the murder scene looks "very similar" to the man who attacked her. Police say that Josephine suffered substantially fewer blows than her mother or sister, although the serious

parked. In the car was a man, and as Josephine walked by this man, she waved to him. She then continued walking and somehow this man got in front of them, approached her and she was attacked.

She also witnessed her mother being attacked. She describes a hammer, she describes how her mother was struck when this man approached.

Detectives are to show a model of the murder scene in Chillenden, Kent, to Josephine today in an attempt to gain more details about the exact circumstances of the killings.

Mr Stevens said: "We are having to take things very slowly but Josephine obviously has a clear memory of the attack. She has seen E-fit of a man seen near the murder scene and she had a strong reaction to that. She was obviously very frightened."

There is no suggestion that Josephine knew her attacker or had been stalked by the man beforehand, police said. Detectives have also eliminat-

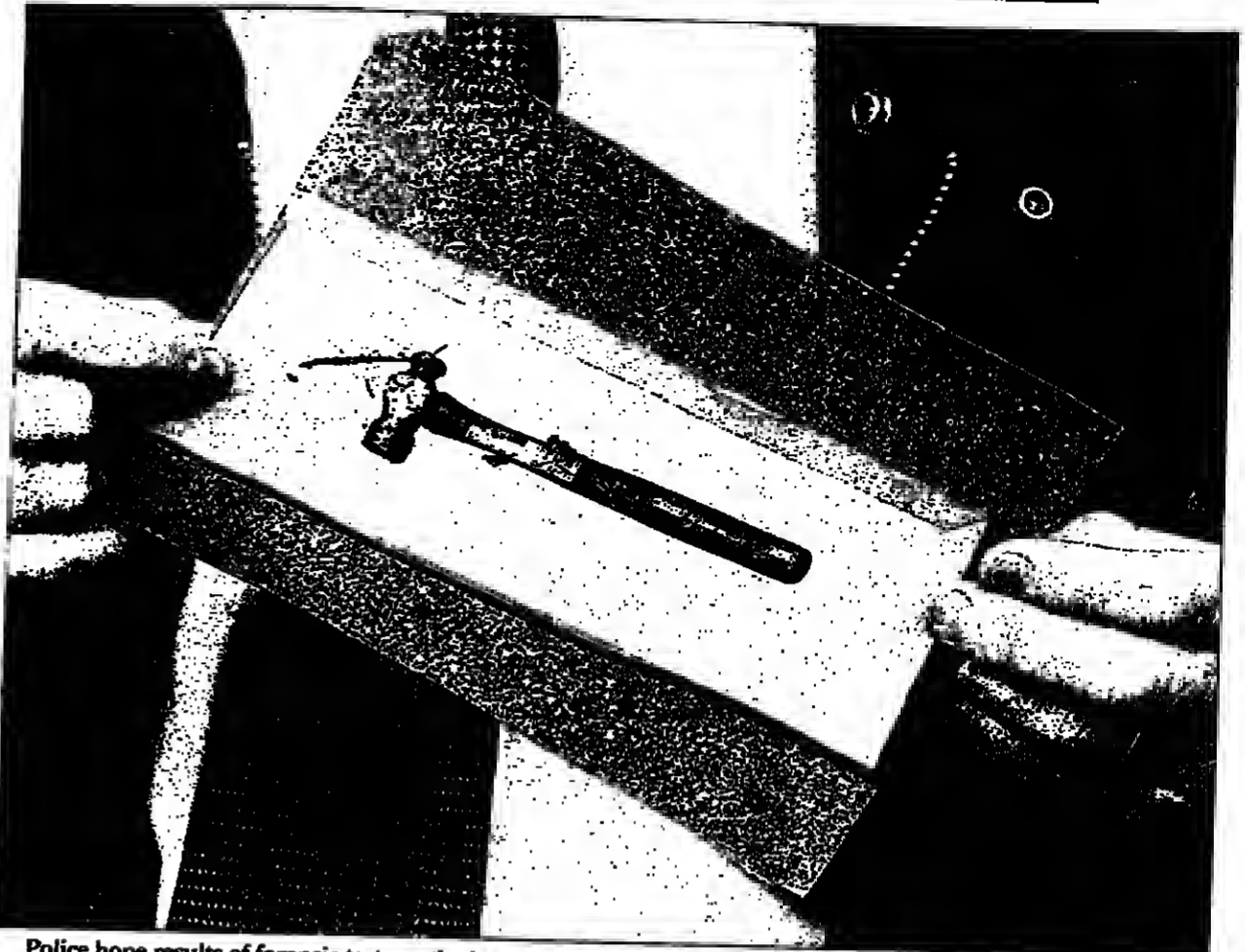
ed a man named by 14 people after an appeal on the BBC *Crimewatch* programme.

A hammer found in the area on Monday is still being tested by forensic scientists after initial examinations proved inconclusive as to whether this was the murder weapon.

Detectives are keeping an open mind about the hammer, which was found by local people after recent television appeals. It had no visible traces of blood and was found sticking up in some mud close to a hedge where a bloodied swimming towel belonging to Josephine and Megan had been dumped shortly after the murders.

It is a distinctive ball-pein hammer with a label with the words "Genuine hickory" printed on it and manufactured by Draper.

Mr Stevens said: "I hope and pray this is the murder weapon but we cannot be sure for at least a couple of days. It may be that the hammer was placed there after the murders."



Police hope results of forensic tests on the hammer found near the scene will confirm it is the murder weapon

# Coe quits gun lobby in protest

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SEBASTIAN COE resigned yesterday as honorary president of a gun lobby group in protest at personal accusations levelled against a father who lost a daughter in the Dunblane massacre.

The junior government whip disowned comments made by the National Pistol Association against John Crozier, whose five-year-old daughter Emma was one of 16 children murdered by Thomas Hamilton. The association described Mr Crozier, who has campaigned for a ban on handguns, as an "ex-Royal Marine with an aggressive style", a comment that pro-

voked widespread fury. Mr Coe, the former Olympic champion who is now MP for Falmouth and Camborne, said that he had considered the association's views about the Dunblane tragedy which have caused much anger and upset.

"I have now studied these comments and the sentiments expressed, with which I disagree," he said. "I have today written to the chairman of the National Pistol Association resigning as honorary president."

A document sent to association members said Mr Crozier was working to a secret agenda in campaigning for a ban on handguns and alleged he tried to bribe a lawyer at the Cullen inquiry. Mr Crozier's wife, Alison, said the family had been "sickened" by the allegations. "They are simply clutching at straws and bringing things down to a terribly low level. None of what is being said is true."

The controversial bulletin was originally to have appeared in *Target Gun* magazine. The gun group later offered "sincere apologies for any embarrassment and distress" and promised a full inquiry. The association said yesterday: "We regret the decision of Sebastian Coe to resign as honorary president."



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# Working mothers 'threaten future of the human race'

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

CHANGES in the way women are bringing up their children could threaten the future health of the human race, according to a European child health expert.

Working mothers who leave their babies with child-minders and use powdered artificial feed are undermining millions of years of evolution designed to promote survival.

The dramatic change in patterns of child rearing during the past 100 years, particularly in the West, has already shown signs of stunting children's intellectual and physical development,

claims Professor Forrester Cockburn, President of the European Association of Perinatal Medicine, which is holding a conference in Glasgow this week.

Professor Cockburn, who is head of the department of child health at Glasgow University, is examining the relationship between baby-feeding and the chemical development of the brain. He claims that studies show that using "dead" powdered milk rather than "living" breast milk stunts the brain's growth, resulting in lower IQs, sight problems and a child being more prone to serious illness, such as heart disease, in later life.

Breast milk is a complex formula that has evolved over millions of years. Its active enzymes, amino acids, minerals and fatty acids are crucial to a child's development, Professor Cockburn says. The

development is so finely tuned that mother's milk contains specific antibodies to protect the newborn from illnesses unique to their environment. A woman in southern India, for example, will have antibodies and protective cells in her milk to tackle viruses and bacteria in South India, while a woman in Glasgow will have a different set, Professor Cockburn claims.

In addition, research in America has exposed links between a working mother's more distant relationship with her bonfed baby and the potential for emotional and behavioural problems later.

Professor Cockburn said: "A mother breast-feeding with a supportive family structure around her, that is the way the human species has evolved. The changes happening now are not good." He added that people who thought he was wrong should look at the evidence.

He argues that research is needed to look at the effects of current changes in the way we bring up our children. He would also like to see studies into good practice in countries such as Sweden, where women are allowed up to two years off work after giving birth. "I think the UK's arrangements for women in the first year of a baby's life are very primitive," he said. "We need to make it acceptable and possible for women to have a longer time with their child after birth: one or two years."

Scientific progress, which now makes it viable for premature babies to survive at 24 weeks, has also led to a greater likelihood of children being born with disabilities and learning difficulties, he said. According to research in Glasgow, some inner-city areas in Britain now have a premature birth-rate equivalent to that in some of the worst parts of the developing world. In underprivileged areas of Glasgow, levels have reached 19 per cent, the African average, and almost three times the rate in Britain. The main causes are drugs, alcohol, poor nutrition and social conditions.



Rosie Clayton training for the polar relay with Brian Brown, her personal trainer

## Polar hopefuls must first face Dartmoor challenge

BY ADRIAN LEE

A GROUP of 45 women will tonight begin an arduous three-day selection test on Dartmoor for the right to join an expedition to the North Pole next year.

No British woman has ever walked to the North Pole and the organisers, who will choose 15 women for the 600-mile relay next April, say their aim is to "scare them stupid". Those taking part include Rosie Clayton, 36, who is a niece of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Mary Hadow, a spokeswoman for the Polar Travel Company, which is organising the expedition, said: "We want to break all their defences and see who is still full of enthusiasm and team spirit. It will be heartbreaking for those who don't make it but we couldn't choose between them without doing something like this."

The women, aged from 18 to 55, will be deprived of sleep and carry little more than a sleeping bag, a stove and a few provisions as they set out on their 25-mile trek across the moors. Mrs Hadow's

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Lamb joins Botham in libel case appeal

The former England cricketer Allan Lamb is to join Ian Botham in seeking a retrial of the High Court libel case against Imran Khan that they lost in July, leaving them with legal costs estimated at £400,000. Mr Lamb's solicitors said they had been instructed to serve a notice of appeal on the former Pakistan captain.

A spokesman for Swepstone Walsh said: "The grounds of appeal are, amongst other things, that the verdict was perverse and because of serious misdirections by the trial judge to the jury. Allan's decision to appeal... has been reached entirely independently of Ian Botham's similar decision. It is likely that both appeals will be heard next summer." The two players had claimed their old rival had branded them racists and had accused Botham of being a cheat.

## RAF loses abortion case

A woman who had an abortion to keep her job in the RAF has been awarded £12,000 for sex discrimination. Yvette Roper, 35, told an industrial tribunal in Liverpool how she had been forced to have an abortion, was pressured into marriage and then suffered a miscarriage after leaving the RAF when she refused to terminate a second pregnancy.

## Beef crisis gets verse

Fifteen cattle farmers in Somerset have reacted to the problems of BSE by making a record to praise British beef. The song, *British beef is the best beef by far*, was written by amateur composer Ross Young, of Stoke St Gregory, near Taunton. On the B-side is another composition by Mr Young called *Moo Cow Blues*, which gives a cow's view of BSE.

## Pre-packed food risk

Supermarket shoppers pay up to three times as much for pre-packed fruit and vegetables, but are likely to receive food containing more germs and bacteria than goods sold loose. BBC's *Watchdog* will claim tonight. The programme found that 19 out of 30 samples of pre-packed fruit and vegetables contained more bacteria than their loose equivalents.

## Commission accused

A senior officer of the Equal Opportunities Commission is planning to take a claim for sexual discrimination to the European Court of Justice. Margaret Boyle, its policy officer, alleges that while on maternity leave she was paid less than her full salary and below her sick pay entitlement. The Public Services, Tax and Commerce Union is backing her.

## Nature reserve lost

English Nature has "de-listed" one of its National Nature Reserves. It wanted to graze stock to help to manage Brainton Burrows in north Devon but the owner, Devon Christie Estate Trusts, objected. The two were unable to agree on the renewal of the sublease and English Nature is to withdraw its warden from the Unesco Biosphere Reserve site.

## Frog triggers raid

Police raided a garden at Bovington Army Camp, Dorset, to free a frog that had hopped into a mousetrap set by a soldier to deter mice which had been gnawing the lining of his tent. Officers took the traps and told Corporal Mervyn Ryan that, under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act, it was an offence to injure a wild animal with an unlawfully set trap.

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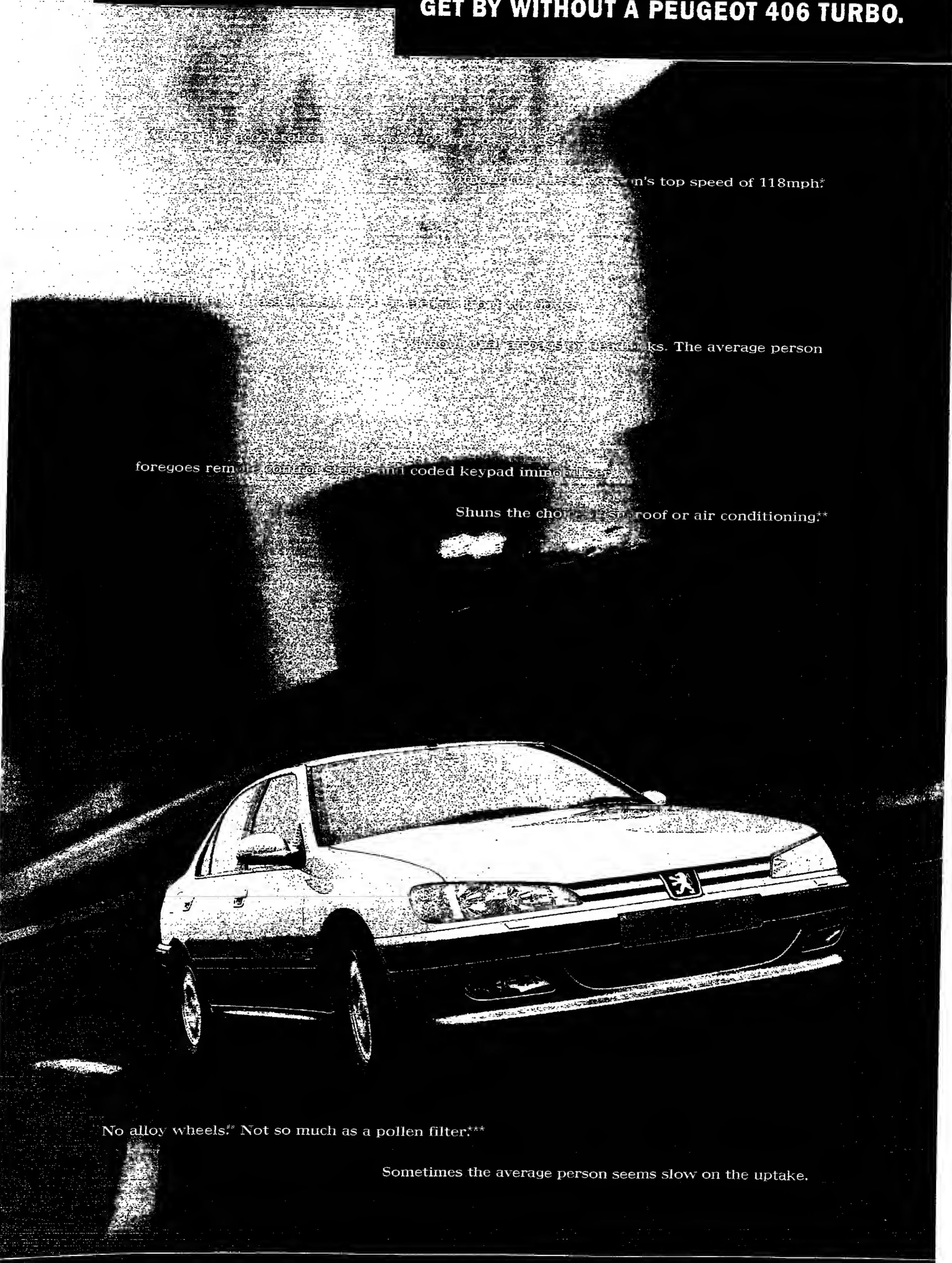
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# Scramble for seats indicates how well Tories will fare

BY TIM HAMES

THE Tory MP John Carlisle's announcement this week that he will retire at the general election creates an unusually complicated scenario for his constituency of Luton North.

Although Mr Carlisle, the 57th Tory to step down, gained a solid 13,000 majority last time, the constituency has been heavily restructured by the Boundary Commission. The best estimate suggests that the Tories would have won by 7,300 votes had it been fought on the new borders in 1992. At the next election, assuming a uniform swing, it would be lost to Labour if Tony Blair's majority were 39 seats or greater.

The interest that a seat attracts among those on the Conservative Central Office approved list of candidates varies according to a number of factors. The size of the majority is usually the most important. A serious contender would not normally apply where the Tory lead was under 10,000 over Labour, perhaps 7,500 if a Liberal Democrat was in second place.

Geography plays an important role. Even very safe seats some distance from London rarely get the quantity or quality of applicants that those in southern England receive. A rule seems to have developed where places more than two hours' drive from Westminster see a sharp drop in enthusiasm. Luton North will certainly do well on that score.

The number of prospective candidates offering themselves for seats with very small majorities over Labour have apparently been as low as 50 this time and few of those are regarded as high-quality contenders. Matters are especially difficult if the sitting member has opted to seek election somewhere else, as in the case of Basilidon and Crawley where David Amess and Nicholas Soames have moved elsewhere. Hence relatively inexperienced figures will be defending key Tory territory. By contrast, staunchly Conservative constituencies such as Buckingham and Witney have received 300 or more CVs. At the other extreme there have been cases in strong Labour areas where only one Conservative, has arrived for the final interview thus automatically "winning" the nomination.

The final factor is the point in the parliamentary timetable. By this stage large numbers of the original list have either been selected or have taken the hint and given up the hunt. Despite being an



The Methodist chapel in Sproxtion, where Alfred Roberts used to preach, and as it looks now on the campus of Baker University, Kansas

# Thatcher to dedicate father's chapel in US

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher will visit the Victorian chapel in which her father used to preach 60 years ago when she travels to the United States next month.

The ironstone chapel, built in Sproxtion, near Grantham, in 1864, was last used by worshippers in 1983, by which time it had a leaking roof and rotting floor. It was sold to Baker University in Kansas last year for £20,000.

All 25,000 stones were dismantled, numbered, sent to America and have just been reassembled on the campus, at a cost of about £120,000, using a DIY instruction sheet and 1,200 photographs. The oak pulpit and altar-table, panelling and stained glass went too. The only difference is that the structure has been adapted to survive the earthquakes to which the campus, 40 miles south of Kansas City, is prone.

Some 25 Sproxtion locals will be among those attending a ceremony on October 23 in which Lady Thatcher will dedicate the 37th building. She said yesterday: "I am delighted to have been asked. I look forward to the ceremony and meeting as many of the local community on the day as possible."

Hugh Brammer, 79, said he was delighted that the Americans had restored the chapel. He could recall when the congregation exceeded 50; "towards the end, it had a congregation of five." The site on which it once stood has been turned into a garden.

Annie Stockwell, whose late husband attended the chapel for 70 years, said: "It is better for it to go and be used as a place of worship than to stay here and crumble to pieces."

Mr Brammer is among a dwindling number of worshippers who can remember the sermons of Alfred Roberts, grocer, politician and Methodist lay minister. "He was big physically. He had presence. He was a heavyweight speaker who was sincere and convincing."

"People used to turn up for him. He would preach from both the Old and New Testament. He was a very good preacher who was greatly respected," he added.

Baker University, a Methodist institution founded in 1858, is keen to see the chapel used by young worshippers. It has 850 undergraduates but, until buying the chapel, it had no place of worship. Its president, Dan Lambert, was distressed by this omission and a member of its faculty was dispatched to seek out redundant chapels while on a visit to Grantham. Sproxtion is in Leicestershire, about ten miles from Grantham.

David Pittman, vice-president for business and finance of Baker University's treasury, said: "We wanted a chapel from England, where our faith was born with John Wesley." The Thatcher connection was an added bonus. "Having her as a guest on our campus will be one of the best days of Baker University's history," he said. "We've had a number of Presidents over the years, but she's quite an individual."

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

# Goldsmith to purge extremists from party

BY ALICE THOMSON

THE Referendum Party has become a target of far-right extremists, including members of the National Front, who are trying to become candidates so they can benefit from Sir James Goldsmith's generous funding.

Sir James is employing a security company to try to weed them out. Resolution Security is going through all 400 potential candidates' political and criminal records. The company has checked the records of anti-fascist groups.

One National Front activist, Andy Carmichael, claimed that the Referendum Party was "crawling" with National Front members. Mr Carmichael managed to become the party's West Midlands campaign manager despite having stood in elections as a National Front candidate.

He was dismissed after Resolution Security checked his background.

# Redwood to attack Kohl over jobless

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN REDWOOD is preparing to launch an outspoken attack on Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, tomorrow as he takes his campaign against monetary and political union to Europe's mainland.

The former Cabinet minister and Tory leadership contender is expected to brand Herr Kohl as "the architect of Europe's misery". Mr Redwood blames the tough policies being pursued to prepare for monetary union for mass unemployment in Europe.

During a debate at Amsterdam University with Karl Lamers, a leading disciple of Herr Kohl and main Christian Democrat proponent of a centralised federal Europe, Mr Redwood will urge others to follow Britain's examples of low interest rates and a flexible exchange rate, pointing out that since it left the European exchange-rate mechanism unemployment has fallen.

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# Schoolboy dispute badly handled, says Shephard

By DAVID CHARTER AND JOHN O'LEARY

GILLIAN SHEPHARD criticised governors, teachers and education officials yesterday for turning an unruly ten-year-old into a "notorious hero". She said the case of Matthew Wilson, who was twice expelled from being expelled by governors, was badly handled by all involved.

The Education and Employment Secretary deplored the strike vote by teachers at Manton Junior School in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, who claimed Matthew was too unruly to teach, but she refused to intervene. Individual lessons arranged for him to avoid a teachers' walk-out led many parents to remove their children in protest at the cost.

Parents sent their children back to the school yesterday after Joe Ashton, Labour MP for the area, assured them he would ask Mrs Shephard and county officials to seek a more acceptable solution. Mrs Shephard said she was powerless to

intervene but called on Nottinghamshire County Council to act.

"The handling of the whole thing has not only precipitated the threat of a strike but also to have created of the child something of a notorious hero," she said. She had been in touch with Mr Ashton and they agreed the responsibility to find a solution lay with the county council. Mr Ashton, MP for Bassetlaw, said: "The parents didn't want to go back to the school today but I told them they must make some sort of gesture."

Nottinghamshire County Council brokered the deal under which Matthew returned to school this week. However, the estimated £14,000 annual cost must come from the school's budget, which was already stretched in spite of a teacher being made redundant last year.

More than 200 parents have signed a petition demanding that Matthew be removed from the school. Mr Ashton said: "The parents don't think the

governors have much in common with them. They didn't choose them. They didn't vote them in. Governors often don't know one-twentieth of what the teachers do and it is time people started listening."

Fred Riddell, chairman of Nottinghamshire education committee, said he would meet parents today to try to allay their protests about Matthew's tutoring. "I want to explain the plan was the only one which could gain the support of all parties. I hope they will see it was the only way forward to avoid a teacher strike, which would be unacceptable," he said. Mrs Shephard had showed "little understanding of complex local issues".

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "The Secretary of State can and should intervene... the Manton governors have acted unreasonably. It is outrageous for Mrs Shephard to try to hide behind the local education authority."



Face to face: Matthew Wilson, 10, from Woodhill Primary School, Greenwich, with his portrait of Gillian Shephard, to be hung at the Education Department

## Child group condemns humiliation

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE "naughty chair" is coming into fashion for childminders trying to find alternatives to smacking, according to Save the Children. Youngsters are being forced to sit in "naughty chairs" or "naughty corners", which are condemned by the charity as humiliating forms of psychological punishment.

The charity has issued new guidelines for Britain's 90,000 childminders. Its advice comes as a 12-year-old boy, named by his stepfather, tries to persuade the European Court of Human Rights to ban physical punishment.

The charity says it is better to provide a quiet place where a child can be sent for "time out".

# Head teachers demand the right to make final judgments over discipline

By DAVID CHARTER

PARENTS of expelled children must lose their right of appeal if the "rising tide of disruption" is to be turned, the National Association of Head Teachers said yesterday.

It also wants children to lose the

right to choose their next school after their second expulsion, as part of a package to prevent disputes between heads, parents and governors. David Hart, the general secretary, said an education White Paper this autumn should clearly back head teachers' judgments. As

long as parents were given a fair chance to present their case, governors and local authorities should not be able to oppose head teachers' reasons for expelling children, he said. This would prevent disputes such as those seen recently in Nottinghamshire and

South Tyneside, where expelled children have been allowed back by governors or independent appeal committees.

Schools would be able to ask parents to sign a binding contract committing themselves and their children to abide by discipline

policies. Mr Hart said the power of detention should be extended so schools could call children in early as a punishment, as well as keeping them late after classes.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, has already announced that new mea-

sures will include scrapping parents' ability to refuse to agree to detention and increasing the period of temporary exclusion from 15 days to 45 consecutive days a year.

Mrs Shephard also plans to ensure that the independent appeal

committees run by local authorities to hear parental objections over expulsions should take more account of the needs of the other pupils. A spokesman for the Department for Education and Employment said no final decision had been taken on further measures.

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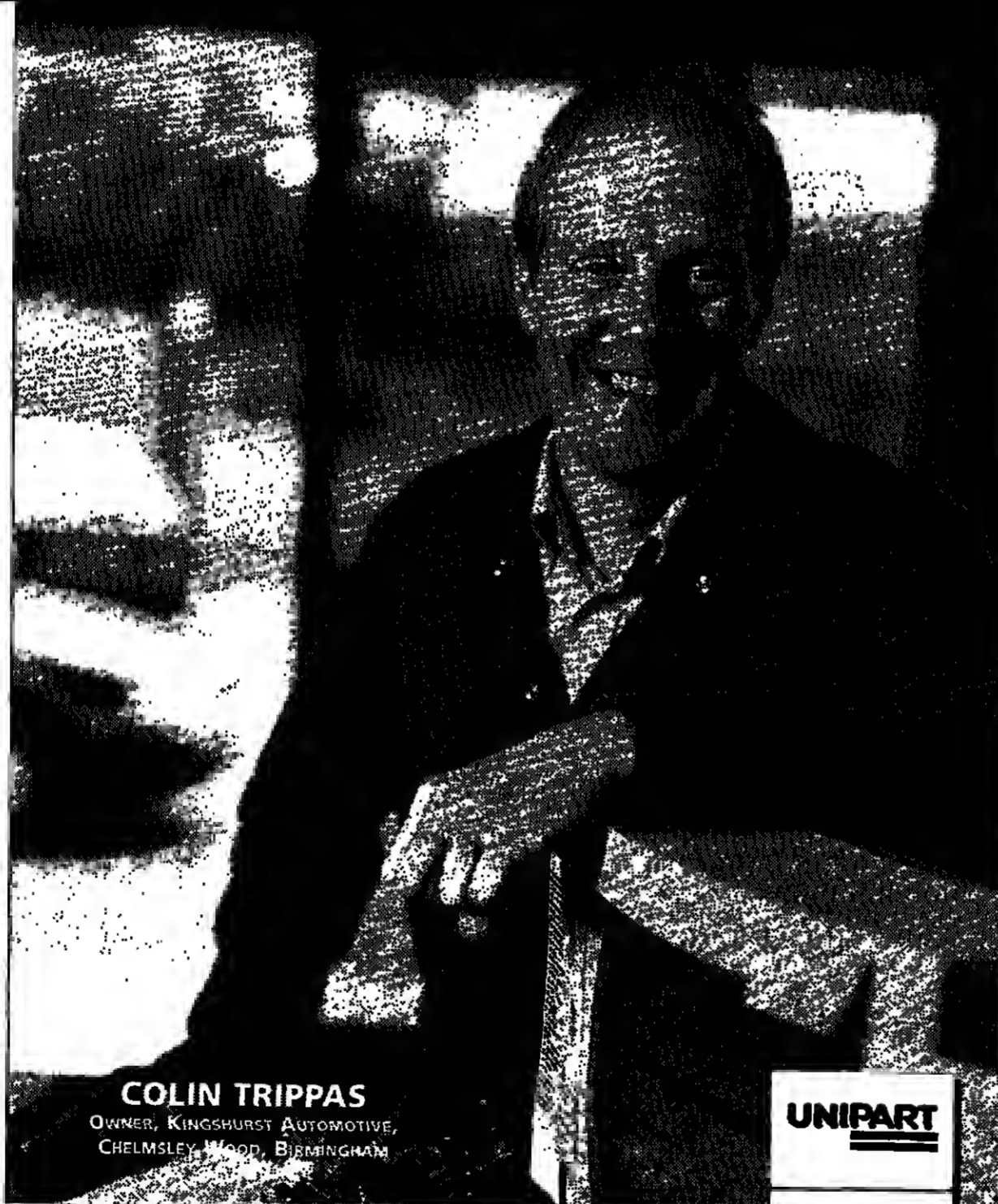
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## Policeman's wife and sons found dead in garage

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THE bodies of a policeman's wife and her two young sons have been found huddled in the back seat of her car nine days after their disappearance sparked a nationwide hunt.

The bodies of Margaret Jarvis, 47, and her sons Christopher, 5, and Russell, 7, were found in a disused garage owned by relatives just half a mile from her home in Nounsley, Essex, on Tuesday night. A hosepipe was found leading from the exhaust into the Ford Fiesta.

Police admitted they had failed to search the corrugated iron building even though it was on land owned by Mrs Jarvis's former brother-in-law. Mrs Jarvis's estranged husband, Paul, 35, was last night being comforted by relatives and police colleagues at the family home.

He was said to be shocked and baffled by the actions of his wife, who failed to drop off her children at the home of Mary Rawlinson, her daughter-in-law from a previous marriage, on September 2. Mrs Rawlinson, 21, called police the next morning after finding Mrs Jarvis's house deserted and the car missing.

Police found a note she had left in the house threatening to harm herself and the children. She had not taken any clothing or an inhaler for Christopher, an asthmatic.

The search ended when a suspicious friend of the landowner checked the dilapidated shed. He found the door bolted from inside but spotted the blue Fiesta through a gap in a side stable door.

The children were in the back seat with Mrs Jarvis's body between them. The garage was on farmland

owned by Richard Rawlinson, the village postman and brother of Mrs Jarvis's first husband, Geoffrey, who died of cancer, aged 42, in 1986.

Detective Superintendent Brian Storey said that the bodies had been there for days. He said: "Mrs Jarvis had a minor row with her estranged husband the night before she vanished but friends and family said they remained in close touch and he saw the children nearly every day."

Mr Jarvis was said to be devastated and was likely to have some months of work on compassionate leave.

Christopher and Russell's fellow pupils at Hatfield Peverel Infant School, near Chelmsford, were told at a special assembly yesterday that the brothers had died. Jean Cuthbert, the headmistress said: "They were gentle children. The mother always had a smile on her face although you don't know what is going on inside."



Margaret Jarvis had left a warning note

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# Peer fights council plan to put sewage works on his estate

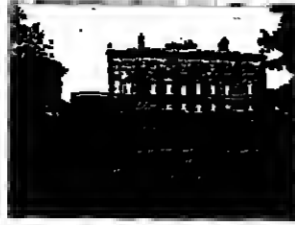
BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Ireland's foremost peers is locked in battle over council plans to seize land at the heart of his estate to build a sewage works.

The Marquess of Sligo, whose family have lived in Westport, Co Mayo, since the 16th century, said that an order by Mayo County Council, requiring him to sell a 14-acre plot, would destroy one of the most important estates in a country that has seen hundreds crumble into ruin this century.

The council offered £300,000 for the site, one of the most picturesque parts of the estate, with stunning views of Croagh Patrick, where Ireland's patron saint is said to have fasted for 40 days in 441. Lord Sligo, who lives in the Georgian Westport House, offered an alternative site, on the edge of the 400-acre estate, for £200,000.

The offer was rejected on the ground that it would add an extra £2 million to the



Westport House

£13.2 million cost of the sewage works. The council insisted that its site, which runs down to Clew Bay, was the most suitable "from both an environmental and engineering viewpoint". A public hearing was held in Westport in May and Lord Sligo is now awaiting a decision on the project from Brendan Howlin, the Environment Minister.

The marquess has enlisted the support of government ministers and heritage bodies in his campaign, which has so far cost him £50,000. He has collected 24,000 signatures, has written to every MP in the

Republic and to all 626 MEPs. The European Union will pay 85 per cent of the costs of the works and Lord Sligo asked the MEPs whether they wanted to contribute to the destruction of an "internationally important heritage site".

He said that he was fighting the council because its plan would break up the estate. This would harm the estate's earning power, which would endanger the upkeep of Westport House, built in 1730. The estate has been kept in immaculate condition only by opening the house to the public since 1960. Two million people have visited the house and the grounds now contain a children's zoo and mini-railway.

He said: "If you take away or destroy the very assets which produce the revenue which are contributing to the survival of Westport House, you are cutting off the lifeline to its survival," he said. He insisted that he was not a "fanatical preservationist",



The Marquess of Sligo on the site of Mayo County Council's proposed sewage works. Behind him are Clew Bay and Croagh Patrick

but that endangering the upkeep of the house would be a heritage tragedy for Ireland and for Europe.

"Westport is one of the last great heritage estates in Ireland. We cannot afford to let it go, because no nation has lost so much of this aspect of its heritage," he said. "At the turn of the century there were 2,000 estates like this in Ireland.

Now there are only about 50." An Taoise, Ireland's equivalent of the National Trust, has thrown its weight behind Lord Sligo's campaign. Jeanne Meldon, its planning officer, said: "It is considered remarkable that Westport House still stands today and is owned by the family that built it. Even more remarkable is the fact that, over the past 300 years,

the demesne has survived English Williamites, a French invasion, two fires, a famine, a rebellion and a civil war. The development of a treatment works at the location selected would adversely impact on the cultural heritage of Westport House and the demesne."

Scores of Irish MPs have backed the campaign, including Theresa Ahern, of the

governing Fine Gael party, who visited the estate. In a letter to Lord Sligo she said she was alarmed by the sewage works.

The council is adamant that the plan should go ahead. It said that the plant had to be built to comply with European directives. Raw sewage from Westport, whose population of 4,000 doubles during the summer, is currently discharged directly into Clew Bay. The plant is designed to cater for 20,000 people. "The works will clean up the bay, which will be a great improvement for the town," a spokesman said.

Of Lord Sligo, he added: "You would have thought he would welcome the sewage works because it will attract more tourists to Westport."

## Poachers 'threaten last rhinos in Asia'

By Nick Nuttall

AN UPTURN in poaching is threatening the survival of the greater one-horned rhinoceros in its last Indian and Nepalese homes, according to a new study.

The poachers, who prize the horns as ingredients for Chinese medicines, are turning to new killing methods, including electrocution. New trade routes are being set up by the criminals to ship the horns to traditional Far East markets, such as Taiwan, South Korea and China.

The findings have come from studies funded by the World Wide Fund for Nature and the World Conservation Union. Vivek Menon, who carried out the research, said yesterday that there were about 2,000 animals left — far below the 7,500 white rhino in South Africa. Asia's two other surviving rhino species, the Javan and Sumatran, are also badly hit.

While most rhinos are shot, poachers have electrocuted animals by slinging wires over overhead electricity cables where the animals are known to pass. Mr Menon said funds were needed to increase the number of wildlife guards.

□ The Indian tiger could disappear within five years, according to the Tiger Trust. It accused the Indian Government of not doing enough to stop poaching at a rate of around 500 a year. There are an estimated 2,500 animals left.

## MP pans artist's patriotic toilet role

By Paul Wilkinson

AN MP has criticised the £1,380 being paid to a woman for four cabaret performances in a men's lavatory.

The Arts Council, through Northern Arts, is funding the 90-minute shows by Jane Sanders in which she forms in a Union Jack costume in the lavatories of the Gallickian Theatre in Newcastle upon Tyne this week to the accompaniment of Britpop music blaring from her handbag. The lavatory is decked out with mirror balls, flashing lights and posters of pop groups.

Michael Bates, Tory MP for Langbaurgh in Cleveland, is not impressed. "Northern Arts have lost all sense that they are dealing with taxpayers' money by funding this performance. What will people whose funding bids have been rejected by Northern Arts feel? It will be tremendously galling. They won't think it's at all funny."

Ms Sanders, 23, said she had been inspired by the success of Britpop and chose to stage her celebration in a lavatory because "it is an integral part of popular culture of the 1990s".

"It's just about the use of the Union Jack in the 1990s," she said. "It has come back in a popular way rather than the black associations it has sometimes had in the past. It's saying pop music is now a unifying force in the country."

## Revenge of the Ninja Turtles

By Bill Frost

TERRAPINS the stars of dinner plates, bought during the craze over Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and then abandoned by their owners, are savaging wild birds at a nature reserve in Cornwall.

The reptiles have been nibbling their victims' wings and even tearing off whole feet in one bite. They are also known to have a taste for human flesh and at least one man has lost most of a finger to a hungry terrapin.

Conservationists launched a scheme yesterday to catch the predators suspected of preying upon water birds at the Swanpool reserve in Falmouth. Volunteers from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust anchored eight rafts on the water in the hope of capturing the terrapins when they clamber aboard to bask.

Mark Nicholson, a trust spokesman, said: "We aim to rehouse them in a special pond at Newquay zoo. Unless we trap them their numbers will remain high, as they live for up to 30 years and are very hardy."

The terrapins, as small as a 50p piece when bought, come in two varieties: the red-eared terrapin (*Chrysemys scripta elegans*) and the common snapper (*Chelonia serpentina*), an aggressive carnivore which, by the time it is three years old and nine inches long, can take a sizeable chunk out of a human being. It is the

common snapper, living at the bottom of ponds and streams, that poses a threat to bathers and waders.

"It is highly aggressive," said a spokesman for London Zoo. "The common snapper is an efficient eating machine that will certainly take a bite or two should pink toes pass before it."

There are other hazards. The terrapins, with their distinctively rank smell, carry a highly infectious strain of salmonella.

The National Terrapin Trust, set up to record the spread and size of the population, says that the reptiles devour native invertebrates, such as great crested newts, and wildfowl chicks. The trust estimates that 80 per cent of Britain's ponds have at least one terrapin lurking.

Four of the predators have recently been causing mayhem at a nature reserve in Southampton, upsetting the ecological balance of Swanwick lake by eating tadpoles, frogs, fish and even ducklings. A spokesman for the reserve said: "They have no natural predators here and will turn the lake into a lifeless expanse of water."

Worse may be yet to come. According to experts, some species exported to Europe from the United States can eventually weigh in at up to 75lb and consume 10lb of meat every day.



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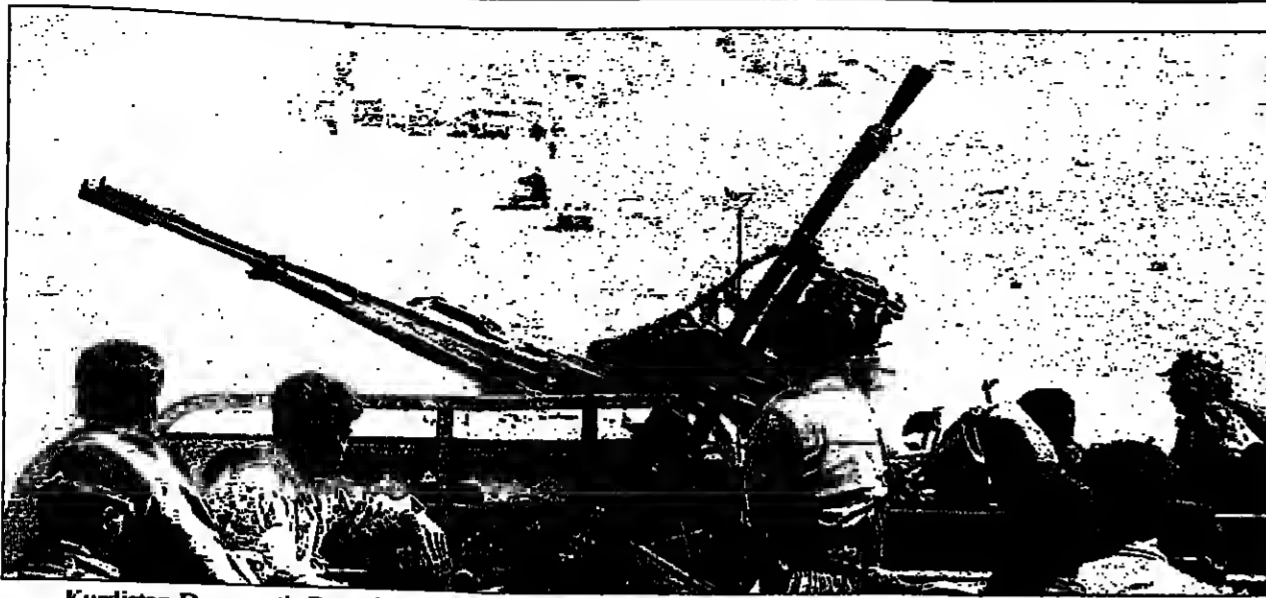
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Deal to station B52s at Indian Ocean airfield after Iraqis fire missile and artillery at allied jet patrols



Kurdistan Democratic Party fighters watch as refugees in Mawat, northern Iraq, flee towards the Iran border

American attack planes will use British base

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Government yesterday gave permission for the Americans to base four B52s on the island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, with support personnel, for up to 30 days, in apparent preparation for another cruise missile attack on Iraqi military targets.

The Russian-made Sam 6 missile, codenamed Gainful by Nato, has a semi-active radar homing system and needs the radar link to be maintained all the way to the target. The missile, which was fired at 6.58am London time, missed the F16s by a considerable margin.

The Israeli Air Force in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, is launched from a tracked chassis and the launcher can be moved immediately after firing. "It's a highly mobile system," Christopher Foss, a weapons expert with the Jane's Information Group, said yesterday.

down any Iraqi aircraft that entered the zone. However, no American aircraft were in the area at the time of the incident and no action was taken. Last week, an Iraqi MiG approached the 33rd parallel but veered away when the pilot spotted American aircraft.

Twenty coalition aircraft, including RAF Tornados, were over northern Iraq when the attack took place

The moving of B52s to Diego Garcia, bringing them closer to the Gulf region, was a clear indication of Washington's determination to be ready for another retaliatory strike, with the backing of the British Government.

The Iraqis switched the radar off to avoid being detected by the American, British and French aircraft in the air at the time. The Pentagon official said that 20 coalition aircraft, including RAF Tornado GR1s, were flying over northern Iraq when the attack took place.

The Sam 6, which was first used by the Egyptians against the Iraqi News Agency, said its air defence units used artillery and missiles against American and allied aircraft in the north and south of the country. The report did not claim that any aircraft had been hit.

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A youthful supporter holds the Kurdistan Democratic Party's banner outside Sulaimaniya after its capture

Kurds trapped at frontier scorn Saddam amnesty

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

TENS of thousands of Iraqi Kurdish refugees were last night trapped on the mountainous border with Iran, too terrified to return home but equally daunted by the appalling conditions facing them in rudimentary camps short of food, water and medicine.

publicly, so I had to leave. Now I am here with a few clothes and some money. I have lost touch with my sister. I am finished, I am dead."

China to exempt its garrison in Hong Kong from local law

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE Chinese garrison to be based in Hong Kong will not be subject to local laws, a Peking official said yesterday. Such immunity is in contrast to the existing practice, with British soldiers who break the law being tried before Hong Kong courts.

revealed by Qiao Xiaowang, a legal official of the National People's Congress. China's legislature, in an interview with members of the Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood, a pro-Peking political group, Daniel Wong, the association's spokesman, expressed astonishment at Mr Qiao's statement.

government structures for Hong Kong, said: "I want the PLA to obey local laws. British soldiers are tried that way. If this happens... a lot of people in Hong Kong will be very concerned."

Paris tells envoys to work on their tans

BY SUSAN BELL AND MICHAEL BINYON

FRENCH ambassadors have been instructed to boost their country's prestige by dressing more natively and perfecting their tans.

Since expensive clothes look considerably better with a tan, the marketing guru, Jacques Séguéla, who masterminded François Mitterrand's successful 1981 presidential campaign, encouraged the ambassadors to ensure that their bronze was always up to scratch.

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# Dole seeks to allay Republican fears of Clinton landslide

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE made a hastily arranged visit to Capitol Hill yesterday in an attempt to quell rising panic among Republicans who fear a Clinton landslide in November will cost them Congress as well.

Mr Dole, trailing 21 points behind the President in a new Gallup poll, urged the "faint-hearted" not to give up. He acknowledged some Republicans were "discouraged" but insisted he was not. "The crowds are enthusiastic. The money is rolling in — so don't let anybody dissuade you in this effort."

He sought to illustrate his powers of recovery by producing a letter sent to his father after he was wounded in the Second World War. His survival was "somewhat questionable", it said. "You have your ups and downs in life but the bottom line is: if you are optimistic, if you have the right message, if you believe in the American people, we are going to win on November 5."

Only 120 of the 288 Republican congressmen and senators attended. They applauded when Mr Dole finished, but with little of the excitement that they had shown 90 days earlier when he left the Senate to campaign full-time.

Privately they fear that dispirited Republican voters will not bother to cast their ballots if a Clinton victory looks inevitable, and that the President's momentum will help the Democrats to gain the 19 seats they need to win back the House of Representatives. "If we have a [Dole] meltdown then I'm going to get worried," Tom DeLay, the House Republican Whip, admitted.

Another danger for Mr Dole is Ross Perot. On Tuesday night the Texan tycoon named a running mate, Pat Choate, whose protectionist, xenophobic and anti-establishment views will attract followers of Pat Buchanan, the arch-conservative. Mr Perot is languishing in single figures in

the polls, but he has \$30 million (£19 million) to spend on advertising and any improvement in his standing is likely to hit Mr Dole.

Dr Choate, 55, is a Washington economist best known for his controversial publications. His 1991 book, *Agents of Influence*, accused Japan of spending millions of dollars to sway American economic policy. It was widely seen as "Japan-bashing" and caused his dismissal as a \$150,000 consultant to an industrial conglomerate, TRW. In 1993 he and Mr Perot collaborated on a book denouncing the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mr Dole, whose call for massive tax cuts has proved unappealing, is turning to the "character" issue in an attempt to get his campaign moving. Today he launches a new advertisement that talks of America's "moral crisis" and implicitly blames the President.



Miguel Rodríguez, left, and José de León rescue one-year-old Cassandra Gómez from floodwaters near the Puerto Rican town of Guyama

## Baby is saved as 11 die in hurricane

FROM QUENTIN LETTIS IN NEW YORK

FEROCIOUS floodwaters in Puerto Rico swept eight people to their deaths as Hurricane Hortense battered the Caribbean island.

In the hill town of Guyama, emergency workers slung a rope across a swollen river to rescue a baby whose family's home had been demolished by the flood. Miguel Rodríguez and José de León risked their lives to save Cassandra Gómez, who was then cared for by volunteers. Cassandra, her father and three siblings were saved, but six other members of the family were reported missing.

Three people were killed in landslides after 18in of rain fell in a few hours, and

families trapped by rising waters huddled together on their shanty-house rooftops.

Pedro Rossello, the Governor of Puerto Rico, contacted President Clinton to ask him to declare the island a disaster area, which would allow American federal funds to be used for recovery work.

Hurricane Hortense yesterday veered away from the Dominican Republic and headed north towards the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Bahamas.

□ Delhi: Five elephants drowned in a storm-swollen river in eastern India as they chased a three-month-old calf swept away in the current. The calf survived. (AP)

## Miami bribe swoop

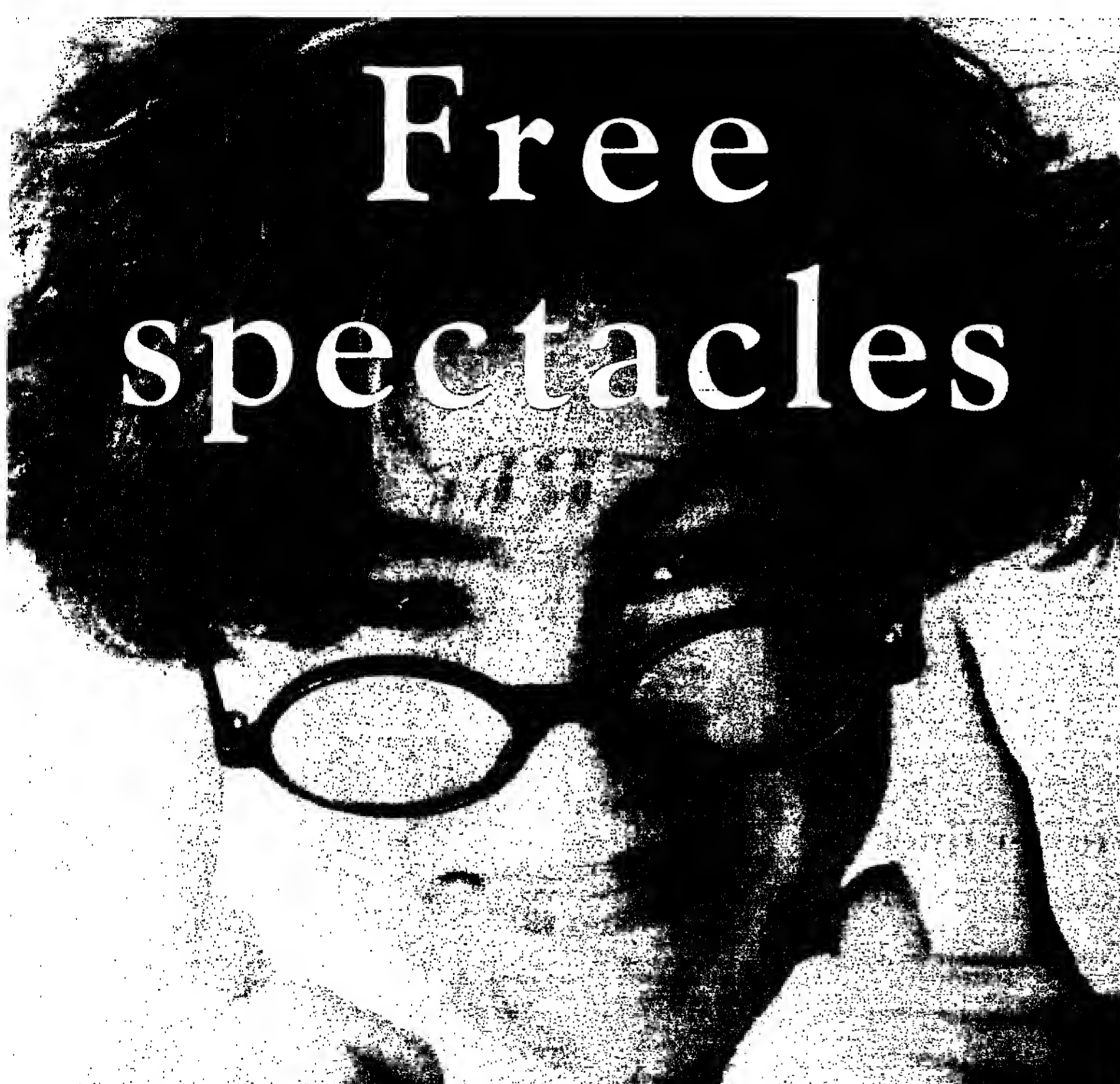
FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

MIAMI'S powerful city manager, Cesar Odio, and two other men were charged yesterday with bribery and corruption after an undercover investigation by the FBI.

Mr Odio, the chief financial and administrative officer, and the two others are accused of conspiring in a lucrative scheme to obtain kickbacks on contracts involving computers and health insurance for city workers, as well as accepting large bribes. The Cuban-born

Mr Odio, who has held the post since 1985, said he was the victim of a double-cross by government informants.

According to the prosecution, he allegedly conspired to hire a firm to perform unnecessary consultancy work for the city, earning himself a \$5,000 (£3,205) per month commission. Miller Dawkins, the city commissioner, is accused of soliciting a \$100,000 bribe from a computer firm seeking to win a contract.



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# Spanish dig lifts veil on Romans' showgirl theatre

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN CARTAGENA

SPANISH archaeologists have found what is arguably the oldest intact Roman theatre — believed to have been built no later than 4 BC.

The excavation at Cerro de la Concepción, in the centre of this southeastern Spanish city, is directed by Sebastián Ramallo Asensio, a professor of archaeology at the University of Murcia. The city, known to the Romans as Carthago Nova, was captured for Rome in 209 BC by Scipio Africanus.

Working more than 12 hours a day in the dry season for more than four years, Professor Ramallo, his deputy, Elena Ruiz, and their team have slowly unveiled an ancient structure of classical elegance. Built on the gentle slope of a low hill, the theatre would once have seated nearly 6,000 raucous provincials.

"There would not have been any Aeschylus or Sophocles here, for sure," Professor

Ramallo said. The residents, it seems, would have expected pantomime and juggling, and regular performances by semi-naked dancing girls who "showed wanton gestures to the sound of Baetic castanets", in the words of the poet Martial. For all its wealth from mining, fishing and the cultivation of esparto grass, Cartagena, capital of the Spanish Roman province of Citerio, was not then a place of great refinement.

The prosperity of Carthago Nova, however, did ensure the building of the theatre. Extensive epigraphic proof, in the form of tablets and inscriptions, as well as the remarkably well-preserved buildings, have enabled Professor Ramallo to be certain that the theatre could not have been built later than 4 BC.

The key clues to dating the theatre are tablets lauding Augustus's grandsons, Gaius and Lucius; they point to the

year in which the two were nominated by Augustus as his successors, only to die of poison shortly afterwards.

Professor Ramallo said: "Roman theatres were places of propaganda, and Augustus would have ensured that his preference for Gaius and Lucius was displayed at a place like this. The whole hierarchy of society was reflected in the audience — from the well-born who sat on their portable chairs in the orchestra pit to the less well-born, who peered down from the upper reaches of the *cavea*, or seating tiers."

While the theatre at Pompeii, from 80 BC, is the oldest surviving theatre built by the Romans, it is technically a Graeco-Roman building. Another ancient theatre, the 16 BC structure at Mérida in western Spain, is also Graeco-Roman in style. The earliest of the pure Roman genre are the theatres of Pompey and Marcellus, both in Rome, built in



Professor Sebastián Ramallo and the Roman theatre of Carthago Nova — the locals preferred pantomime and dancing girls to Sophocles

55 BC and 13 BC respectively. But virtually nothing survives today of either. Cartagena, therefore, boasts a treasure: the oldest pure Roman theatre with its original structure still intact. With two-thirds of the

area still unexcavated, the Spanish team has already unearthed several tiers of stone seating, the *pulpitum* or stage, several *vomitoria* or exits, marble capitals, lintels, and the spacious orchestra.

Professor Ramallo said: "The whole area was covered in slums and cheap housing only a few months ago. That has all been knocked down. Those buildings served, through the years, as a kind of protective

layer for the theatre. We may have had to wait to the end of the 20th century to find this place, but that is a happy paradox. Now my team and I can study this ancient site with the most modern methodolo-

gy, whereas much that was valuable would have been lost if it had been worked in a less sophisticated age. "Cartagena has something incomparable, which all the world will soon come to see."

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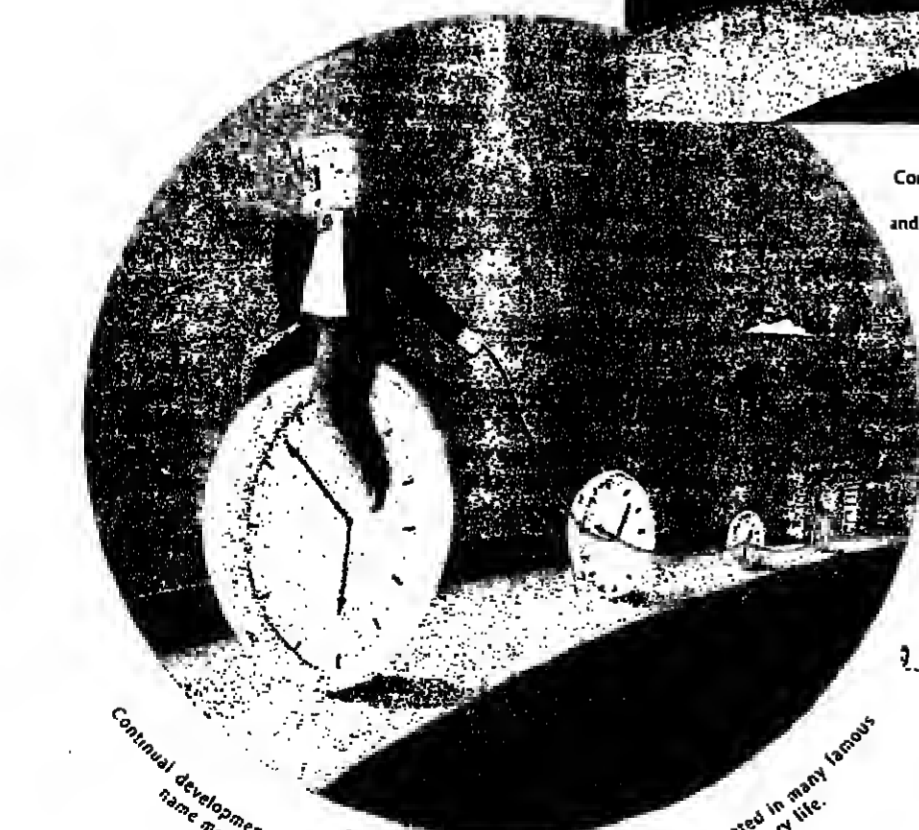
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One of the magazines that published pictures of a nude Daniel Ducruet embracing the topless stripper

## Monaco Princess wants divorce, lawyer confirms

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

THE troubled Grimaldi family suffered further blows yesterday, as it was revealed that Princess Stephanie of Monaco wishes to divorce her husband — Daniel Ducruet, her former bodyguard — after intimate photographs showing a naked M Ducruet embracing a topless striptease artist appeared last month in the Italian press.

In an interview published yesterday by *Nice-Matin*, Thierry Lacoste, the Paris lawyer who represents Princess Stephanie and M Ducruet, said the Princess "will very definitely head towards divorce proceedings".

The explicit photographs, which were splashed across the pages of the Milan-based *Gente* and its sister publication *Eva Tremila* on August 27, showed M Ducruet embracing the Belgian stripper, Fily Houteman, 26, beside the swimming pool of a villa she had rented in Villefranche-sur-Mer on the French Riviera.

M Ducruet has taken refuge in Morocco since the publication of the photographs and is not due to return to Monaco until Monday. A meeting has been arranged between the Princess and M Ducruet next week, M Lacoste said.

Princess Stephanie and M Ducruet were married in a civil ceremony in the Mediterranean principality on July 1 last year. The couple already had two children, Louis, born in November 1992 at the maternity hospital named after Princess Grace, Stephanie's mother, and Pauline, born in May 1994.

M Ducruet, 32, who has a reputation as a rough diamond, comes from Beausoleil, a local housing estate. At the time of his marriage, his father, Henri, a former dockworker, was unemployed and his mother, Maguy, known as "Granny Vespa", sold scoot-

ers. M Ducruet married for the first time in 1982 and also has a son, born in 1991, from another liaison. He left school without qualifications and worked as a fishmonger before joining the police in 1988. Prince Rainier opposed the union for several years. Insiders say that her father eventually gave his approval for the wedding after being won over by reports that M Ducruet had a calming influence on his daughter, who had a reputation for wild living. Since their marriage, Princess Stephanie gave up her career interests in pop music and fashion and settled into the role of devoted wife and model mother. The couple recently announced a joint business venture comprising a boutique and Planet Hollywood-style cafe in the principality.

M Ducruet appeared finally to have been accepted into the Royal Family, standing with them on the palace balcony in November and attending the Red Cross Ball, one of the principality's major social fund-raising events, in August. Now Prince Rainier is understood to be furious at M Ducruet's lack of discretion, the betrayal of his daughter, and of the Grimaldi family, and will probably demand that his son-in-law be banished from the family.

Yesterday the Italian magazine *Oggi* published pictures of a bald Princess Caroline, Princess Stephanie's older sister, in the garden of her house in St Rémy-de-Provence, prompting concern over her health and speculation about a breakdown.

The palace confirmed last night that the photographs had not been tampered with but refused to comment on the Princess's health. She was said by a palace insider to be suffering from a "colossal nervous breakdown".

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# The problem with happy pills



**Dr Thomas Stuttaford on treating black despair, helping the children who do not grow, animals with a sixth sense and the elderly patients who see strange visions**

The story of the happy pills which turned Susan Hart, hitherto a conventional 50-year-old Devon nurse, into a ravishing belly-dancer, enlivened many people's Sunday morning reading. But it will have made psychiatrists groan in despair.

Mrs Hart, who had had a penchant for belly-dancing for some years, had been depressed before she went on a trip to Africa. Once on holiday, her antidepressants, which her husband said had already been showing signs of making her over-active, continued to work their magic. Freed from the constraints of home life and husband, Mrs Hart devoted herself to belly-dancing. The dancing was too much for Geoff, a Worcester-shire building worker whom she nicknamed Warthog, and in consequence they developed a close liaison.

The story of Mrs Hart illustrates many of the problems doctors face in the treatment of depression. Depression is not a diagnosis in itself, but is a symptom of many different psychiatric diseases. And whatever its cause it is the source of much misery for patients and their families.

At any one time, there are five million sufferers from depression in the United Kingdom. 155 million working days are lost because of it each year, and it costs the country about £4 billion annually. Every year there are 4,500 deaths from suicide, and 60 per cent of depressed patients have a suicidal intent. Depression affects about three times more women than men.

Psychiatrists will not have been amused by the tale of Mrs Hart's African safari, her obsession with belly-dancing, and her attachment to Geoff. Characteris-

tically, depressed patients have little hope for their future, they are dispirited and discouraged, and one of their most entrenched opinions is that no treatment will prove effective, or will be able to restore any enthusiasm for their present life, let alone the future.

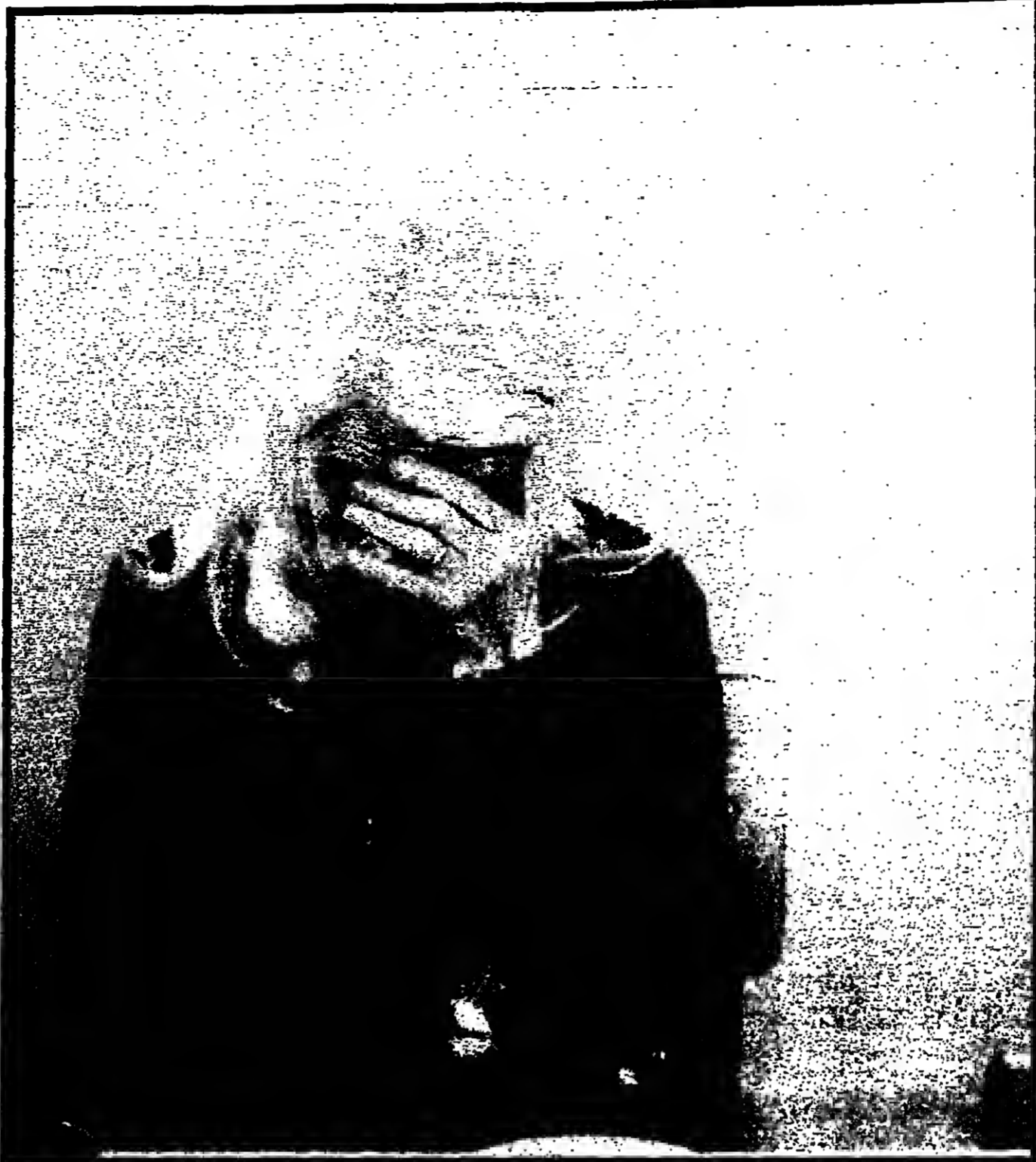
The thought that the pills which have been prescribed might at the best be useless, but might even drive them into the arms of Geoff, the Warthog, is unlikely to persuade them to cooperate with taking their pills. Patients should be reassured; doctors are aware that drug therapy may so over-stimulate a depressed patient that their behaviour becomes irresponsible, and are constantly watching out for it.

Fluoxetine Prozac, at the moment the subject of a well-publicised court case in America, is, in fact, a very useful preparation which has been, and will continue to be, the drug which enables many depressed patients to

live a normal productive life. Prozac is one of the group of antidepressant drugs known as 5HT re-uptake inhibitors. These drugs are safer than the older tricyclic group of antidepressants, for they are less sedative and do not cause the cardiac irregularities which can even be, very occasionally, dangerous to the patient. If taken in overdose, they are less likely to result in a fatality.

The danger of precipitating over-eloquence when treating patients who are suffering bipolar affective disorder — patients whose mood is apt to swing, sometimes rapidly, from over-excitement to the depths of despair — is well recognised.

The choice of drug if over-eloquence is to be avoided is all important, and doctors are well advised to follow a standard



Depression is more common in women than in men and is the source of much misery for patients and their families

treatment protocol as, for instance, is used at the Maudsley Hospital, in London.

It is a common mistake to think that all the 5HT re-uptake inhibitors have the same side-effects. In the case of a patient who is so depressed as to be suicidal, but who is not agitated and an insomniac, Prozac might well be

the drug of choice. But it can trigger irresponsible, excitable behaviour, and in someone who showed a potential for this, paroxetine Seraxat would be a better choice. Seraxat has a more sedative action, and if Mrs Hart had been given this instead of Prozac, she might have cheered up, returned to her husband after

the African trip, and left Geoff in the bush.

Conversely, if Mrs Hart had a busy job to perform, the sedative effect might have made work difficult. Mrs Hart was unusual in that any 5HT re-uptake inhibitor so stimulated her ardour; one of the troubles with these antidepressants is that in about one

case in five, it depresses the libido.

Even this side effect has one potential advantage, given at the correct dosage, 5HT inhibitor drugs can be used to control premature ejaculation, an expensive treatment but one much appreciated by over-enthusiastic patients and their partners.

## Hormone can add to your height

PRINCE William gives every indication that he is going to grow into a tall man. His sudden pubescent growth spurt has left him as tall as his mother, and it seems he will achieve the 4in gain in height which is to be expected in the years when growth is at its maximum.

Growth in most adolescents continues until they are 18, but there are no hard and fast rules. Kendal Carpenter, a former Oxford and England rugby player, was too small and slight to play in his college side when he went up to university at 18, just before the Second World War. When Kendal returned to Oxford afterwards, he was an immense forward.

For those boys who are not as fortunate as Prince William and who show signs of remaining abnormally short, the outlook has been improved by the introduction of synthetic human growth hormone. Previously, the preparation of human growth hormone derived from post-mortem specimens had seemed a great advance, and many children who were deficient in it grew with its help and achieved a normal stature. Tragically, its use had terrible consequences as some of those treated later developed Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease.



Somatropin, the modern growth hormone, is made in the laboratory by DNA technology. It is a synthetic hormone and combines the advantages of being identical to natural human growth hormone and being entirely safe. The use of somatropin is accepted in treating children in whom the production of growth hormone by the anterior pituitary, a gland at the base of the brain, is known to be inadequate. All doctors will also agree to its prescription when the sexual organs fail to mature, for there is often a link between growth in height at puberty and sexual maturation.

There are generally approved indications for human growth hormone. It is prescribed, for instance, in cases where growth is stunted because of renal disease and in Turner's Syndrome, which affects one in 3,000 girls. They are short of stature and have a variety of other symptoms, usually a webbed, broad neck, a low hairline on the neck and drooping eyelids. There is a failure to develop reproductive organs. Somatropin, without affecting many of the signs of Turner's, adds an inch or two to height.

There is a controversy in medicine about whether somatropin should be used when a child is small, probably from genetic inheritance, but has no obvious abnormality of the pituitary. Many American doctors regard short stature, even if a familial characteristic, as a grave disadvantage and consider the case for using somatropin permissible, even if its effect is unproven. The jury is still out in Britain.

### Beware of provoking rapid swings in a patient's mood

## Douches and pregnancy

A CONSTANT battle is fought in Britain's genito-urinary medical clinics to dissuade women patients from using bath oils and douches. In women with sensitive skins, these preparations cause symptoms similar to those of mild cystitis. The patients suffer irritation, some inflammation, discomfort on passing urine and even increased urgency and frequency.

Vaginal douches are much beloved by many overseas women. In Britain we think of them as a French or Swiss habit, but they are commonly used in America, particularly by women of Afro-Caribbean origin. The practice of douching would, it might be thought, be hygienic, but nature carries a wonderful self-cleaning operation, and any human interference only acts to its detriment.

The ancient Egyptians were great advocates of douching, and they recommended garlic and wine as a daily routine. The American Journal of Public Health recently reported on a survey, which is also covered by the BMJ, which shows that douches not only cause irritation but also delay pregnancy. Nearly a thousand women who wanted to become pregnant were studied; the study showed that even douching once a week affected the ease of pregnancy.

Ninety per cent of those women who did not use a douche were pregnant within a year, but only 76 per cent of those who douched conceived in this time span.



Many country doctors have witnessed apparent sixth-sense in patients' cats and dogs

## When animals know best

FEW country doctors will need the recently presented evidence to convince them that animals have paranormal powers. When I was in practice in Norfolk, I came across many examples of it, but none was more convincing than the case of the cats in the lonely farmhouse.

One teatime I received an emergency call to go to a dilapidated farmhouse hundreds of yards off the road on a desolate common. I found the farmer standing forlornly in his kitchen. The household was distraught as he was convinced that disaster had overtaken his wife, and he was so worried that he was unable to climb the rickety stairs to find out how she was. When he had left in the morning, his wife had complained of indigestion, and had told him that she really didn't feel at all well.

There seemed little point in chatting by the kitchen sink, so I went upstairs, and indeed, just as the husband feared, found his wife dead on her bed. The post-mortem showed that she had died from a heart attack. The farmer told me that he had feared the worst, for "what else would you expect, doctor? All my life the kitchen and the farmyard has been full of cats, and when I came back for my tea, there wasn't one to be seen. They knew something had happened".

## Peculiar visions of the failing-sighted

RECENTLY The Times discussed cases in which older people with failing eyesight sometimes had hallucinations. Typically they saw false images of other people, animals, plants or even buildings floating in space. These hallucinations were not associated with dementia, for the patients' brains were not failing. They all had good intellects. Research has shown that this form of hallucination stems from a disturbance in part of the occipital lobe, at the back of the brain, which interprets messages from the retina.

Many older people who are intelligent and well-adjusted have hallucinations. Some surveys suggest that up to 10 per cent of older people may see them but most are too frightened or proud to mention it. Dr Robert Howard, of the Institute of Psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital, London, who is a specialist in old age psychiatry, said: "I am treating one patient who sees giant budgerigars the size of swans floating on her TV screen. She sees them even when the set is switched off."

The phenomenon of hallucinations in patients with failing sight was first described by Charles Bonnet (1720-1793). He noticed it in his grandfather, who suffered from hallucinations after cataract surgery even though he remained as bright as a button at 89. Dr Howard said: once volunteered: "There are probably hundreds of readers of The Times who suffer like Charles Bonnet's grandfather and are worried. They may even mistakenly think they are going

mad. At the Maudsley we are doing research on the Charles Bonnet syndrome and would welcome their inquiries." Inquiries to Dr Robert Howard, Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Old Age Psychiatry, The Institute of Psychiatry, Deerpigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF

**SUNDAY TIMES**

When the badly decomposed body of Margaux Hemingway, model and star of the movie Lipstick, was found in her LA home it was the cue for sick squabbles and bizarre rituals

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# Girlfriends, yes, but not sex

**The Runcie Biography:** Humphrey Carpenter covered a wide range of topics in his interviews with the former Archbishop and those who know him, including the state of his health, his effect on women and his memories of John Mortimer

THIS seemed the moment to ask the question I had been steeling myself to put ever since Robert Runcie's references to girlfriends back in Crosby days — the question of his sexual experience.

What, I asked, were the habits of the Army at this time [the 1940s], with this sort of affair, these short-lived romances? Were they expected to lead to bed, or what? "Yes, in most cases," he answered, "but they didn't with me. I was having to rein that in, really. And it created a sort of tension." Why didn't he sleep with

**RUNCIE AND WOMEN**

her? A reference to Ingeborg, a girl he had known in Germany after the war? "I don't know why, really. My fellow officers, you know, would say to me, 'I'm normal, you know. I drink, I smoke, and that sort of thing. I remember a particular officer saying that. This was a sign of normality, you see. And they used to go to the Bag o' Nails, which was a great resort (in London, for prostitutes). And indeed, I've been to the Bag o' Nails myself, just out of interest, you know, and would go to the Four Hundred, which was more respectable, and couldn't afford any of these things, but was a tagger-on. Certainly I think I was unusual there. It may have been some effect of my religious commitment, knowing one would have to confess it, and some fear — I suppose it was more fear of getting the clap then."

I suggested that his abstinence

could hardly have been the effect of his upbringing, considering that his parents' fidelity was questionable.

"Yes," he answered. "I didn't realise it at the time, but I see now there was a question mark over it." Nor was it as if he had been brought up in strict Presbyterian surroundings. "No. And I mean I'd had girlfriends from the day when I first discovered what you could do in the back row of a cinema. But you have to take my word for this." And it did create quite a tension for him, in the relationship with Ingeborg? "Yes, it did."

## Insomnia, weariness and stress

STATES OF MIND

Runcie: "I remember saying when I was at Cuddesdon, to Anthony Bird [the chaplain], that I was very fortunate because I didn't ever have depressions, and I wouldn't be mentally ill. And he looked at me with astonishment and said, 'How can you be so sure?' My depressions have been expressed in things like an inability to function effectively, and weariness, and being unable to sleep after four in the morning. And some of the pressures at Lambeth created what was a depressed state."



Robert Runcie in his Scots Guards uniform, left, and wearing a German helmet that he found in a French farmyard



Carpenter: "I'm surprised you slept at all when you were at Lambeth... the sheer wear of managerial responsibility."

Runcie: "Yes, but I remember the doctor saying to me, because I could never understand the difference between... antidepressants and tranquillisers... because I occasionally had to take tranquillisers... and the doctor used to say to me, 'I won't put you on antidepressants.'"

Carpenter: "But you were put on those because of the strain of insomnia and the worries of an enormously responsible job?"

Runcie: "Yes... Lindy's thing was, 'Be humble enough to take a pill'. But I've not had

a clinical depression in the sense of appalling blackness and meaninglessness. I don't think I've ever experienced that."

Carpenter: "You'd know if you had. You were just exhausted, run down."

Runcie: "I wasn't really clinically depressed."

Carpenter: "To be put it another way, you've never had the experience of total self-doubt, total loss of faith in yourself?"

Runcie: "No, I haven't. But since I said that to Anthony Bird, I've had a sort of feeling that perhaps I could have. Then I comfort myself by saying, 'Well, I never have had.'"

## MORTIMER

RUNCIE remembers John Mortimer [the writer] in his undergraduate days as being characterised by "purple corduroys and beautiful girls, whom he had to tea."

"I always remember saying to my scout, 'Mr Mortimer has rather beautiful ladies coming to see him', and he replied, 'Mr Mortimer, sir, he's a man with wot you'd call a troublesome organ.'"

## The threat of cancer

HEALTH

WHEN I went to see Runcie on April 28, 1994, it transpired that he was worried. He should have been in South Africa, as part of a group of observers monitoring the country's first all-race election, but he had gone into hospital at Easter for a prostate operation, had developed alarmingly high blood pressure (to which he is prone) and, after surgery, had been told some bad news by the consultant, formerly one of his undergraduates at Trinity Hall.

"He came in to tell me I could go home the next day, and he said, 'The histology's not good, because you've got some cancer in the material we've taken away.' And then he explained that he'd start me off on some treatment. But he's a little bit in awe of the man who was once his tutor, so he's very correct and professional, and I didn't altogether understand the choices he was giving me — you know, you don't when people say, 'Would you like to have it by pills or injection, or you could have a scan'. I said, 'Well, look, Peter, you're the man who knows about these things. I'll do whatever you recommend.'"

"And Lindy was told. And I thought, I'll just tell the family, otherwise people will make a big do of it. And I told one or two close friends, people who pray for me. One of the reasons I didn't want a great deal of publicity about it is that I've been putting a lot of energy into the creation of a hospice care centre. I've raised over a million pounds for it, and it's been a huge local success, and on May 6 it's being opened by the Duchess of Kent. It's going to be called the Runcie-Macmillan Care Centre — just down the road here. And there's a Runcie wing — a geriatric wing! The Mayor of St Albans, who is a good deal younger than me, had cancer during the year, and she said, 'I want everybody to know that I've had cancer and that I'm going to work for good causes for cancer.' And that's all right eventually, you know, but it's a bit hard on your family. Because it would be such a

media focus, and the drama of opening the thing I'd built and might need to use myself."

I suggested that, though some malignant cells had been found, it scarcely amounted to full-blown cancer. "Yes, you're right — I went to see my doctor yesterday, and he said, 'I'd like to tell you that I've got patients who've been coming to me for years and years for this injection. And you're not to fold up.'"



Parishioners at Cuddesdon were treated to musical entertainments by the Runcies

RUNCIE had told me [that his wife had had] a bruising romance before he came along. "Huh!" exploded Lindy. "It wasn't 'bruising'. I've seen him once or twice recently. I mean, he's very like Robert, same sort of lost little boy, you know... That's what women fall for. "Robert's not allowed to go on a Swan Hellenic Cruise

## OL' BLUE EYES

without me! These lonely widows, or divorcees... Some of them are an absolute pain in the neck!"

They think he fancies them? "Well, he's so kind, and he looks at you with those blue eyes — Ol' Blue Eyes! — and you feel he's

really interested in you. Of course, he's thinking of something else at the same time, or wishing they'd go away. If one is making a complete ass of herself, I've said to her, 'It's so sad because so-and-so thinks she's madly in love with Robert... It's such a pity, because really he's not interested in anybody — except me.'"

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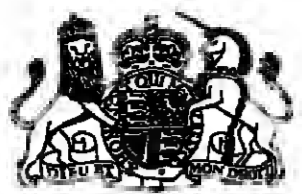
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 11: The Princess Royal today visited West Yorkshire and was received by Mr David Fernley (Vice Lord-Lieutenant)...

Her Royal Highness, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this morning visited Leeds/Beeston Youthworks, Cross Flatts Primary School, Tempest Road, Leeds...

Today's royal engagements The Princess Royal will attend Bath University's international colloquium on sport and higher education into the 21st century...

Lord Hussey of North Bradley The life barony conferred upon Mr Marmaduke James Hussey has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Hussey of North Bradley...

Birthdays today

Miss Maria Aitken, former deputy Lindsay Alexander, former deputy chairman, Lloyd's Bank, 76; Viscount Allendale, 74; Mr Nicholas Barber, Principal, RADA, 56; Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, former Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness, 86; Mr Alan Cathcart, chairman and chief executive, Avis, Europe, 53; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Compston, St Professor Ronald Hedley, educationist, 79; Mr Ian Holm, actor, 65; Lord Milner of Leeds, 73; The Right Rev Alan Rogers, former Bishop of Mauritius, 89; The Right Rev Frank Pilkington Sargeant, Bishop at Lambeth, 64; Mr Robert Simpson, chief executive, Press Association, 62; Sir Arthur Suggden, former chief executive officer, Co-operative Wholesale Society, 78; Sir Gervase Walker, former chairman, Association of County Councils, 76; Professor George Zarnacki, art historian, 81.

Dinner

Times Newspapers and the British Museum The Directors of Times Newspapers and the Director and Trustees of the British Museum were the hosts at a dinner held last night at the British Museum after Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, had opened the exhibition 'Mysteries of Ancient China: New Discoveries from the Early Dynasties'...

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir William Dugdale, Garter King of Arms 1677-83, Shute, Warwickshire, 1603; Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Prime Minister 1908-16, Morley, Yorkshire, 1852; H.L. Mendon, writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1880; Maurice Chevalier, singer, Paris, 1888; Louis MacNeice, poet, Belfast, 1907; Jesse Owens, athlete, Danville, Alabama, 1913.

Appointment

Mr Timothy Andrew Wigram Lloyd, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Chancery Division.



Penelope Hobhouse, the designer, and Sir Jocelyn Stevens with a model of the new garden yesterday

Walled garden is gift for the Queen Mother

QUEEN Elizabeth the Queen Mother was shown plans for a new garden in her honour and said: 'I've been given lots of flowers but nobody has ever given me a garden before'...



An aerial view taken in 1921 showing the walled garden planted with fruit trees and vegetables

Archaeology

Details of Alfred's great plan for London are unearthed

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EVIDENCE of Alfred the Great's occupation of London 1,100 years ago has come to light on the City's waterfront. Tree ring analysis has enabled Museum of London archaeologists to date their discovery to the years spanning AD 886...

King Alfred recognised the defensive potential of the Roman walls, and began the revival of Londinium. He sited a trading post at what is now Queenhithe, just upstream of Southwark Bridge and down the slope from the Mansion House and St Paul's.

School news

Edgehill College, Bideford, Devon Term began on Monday, September 9. The Head Student is Jessica King with Vincent Schiel and Lucinda Beesley as her Deputies.

Holwood House, Colchester Autumn Term begins today at Holwood House, Colchester. The East Anglian Preparatory Schools' Tournaments will be held on Saturday, October 12, and term will end with the Carol Service on Thursday, December 12.

Oswestry School Michaelmas Term began on Tuesday, September 10, 1996. Holbauch House has been refurbished as a Sixth Form boys' boarding house and a new Information Technology Suite has been opened.

Church news The Right Rev Richard Lewis, Suffragan Bishop of Taunton, diocese of Bath and Wells, is to be Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, succeeding the Right Rev John Dennis who retires at the end of September.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Bell and Miss J.L. Hewitson The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs John Bell, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Russell Hawkes, of Southport, Merseyside.

Mr R.A.D. Hill and Miss R.E. Sharp The engagement is announced between Richard, second son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Hill, of Catterham, Surrey, and Rachel, daughter of Mr Richard Sharp, OBE, and Mrs Sharp, of St Austell, Cornwall.

Mr J.D. Edmondson and Mrs L. Gatta The marriage took place on Saturday, August 10, at Uzmanston Parish Church, Pembrokeshire, of the Right Hon Sir John Ormond Roch, widower, and Mrs Susan Angela Parry, widow.

Mr F.G. Miers and Mrs E.A. Lawlor The marriage took place on August 31, 1996, between Frederick George Miers, twin son of Mrs A.C. Miers, and Angela Lawlor, twin daughter of Mr F.W. Miers, to Elizabeth Anne Lawlor, elder daughter of Major and Mrs T.H. Baker Cresswell, of Chathill, Northumberland.

Mr M.A. Lubbock and Miss A.K. Terrey The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs D.J.A. Lubbock, of Womersley, Surrey, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. Terrey, of West Wickham, Kent.

Mr J.L. Peters and Miss E.J. Bartlett The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs J.L. Peters, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C. Bartlett, Mr P. Williams and Miss A.S. Lawder.

Piping's high honour is well deserved

ONE hundred years ago this year the Northern Meeting introduced and presented the Gold Clasp as 'an attachment to the medal already won'. This is awarded in the competition for those who have already won the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal, and is, therefore, one of the highest piping awards.

The winner of the clasp and the centenary medal was Dr Angus MacColl, with an excellent performance of John MacKay's setting of Mrs MacLeod of Tullach's Salute, a tune composed by Donnchall Ruadh MacCrimmon.

The remainder of the second day was occupied with the Strathspey and reel events, and the junior marches and Strathspey and reel, finishing with the hornpipe and jig which always provides a cheering end to the Northern Meeting.

The A grade Strathspey and reel competition was won by James Murray, and the B grade by Paul Ritchie. Darach Urquhart won the under 15 march competition, and Colin McVillie the under-18 Strathspey and reel.

As always, there was a very large entry for the hornpipe and jig, and a preliminary round was held first, taking most of the day. There was a short lull in the ten for the final, and some fine virtuoso piping was to be heard. The winner was Sergeant Gordon Walker, RFLH.

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BIRTHS: WALTERS - On 10th September at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine (née Shalman) and Simon, a daughter, Georgia Annabel, a sister for Daniel.

DEATHS: GANTER - On 9th September Mabel aged 93 years, died peacefully at Whitby Nursing Home, Barrow, Cumbria. She was deeply loved by her relatives and a wide circle of friends, and will be greatly missed.

DEATHS: LLOYD - On September 10th 1996, peacefully at home, aged 96, Mrs Mary Anne (née Brown) widow of David, Mary-Anne and Arabelle. Will when he passed by 2.30 pm on Friday 12th September at St Mary's Church, Cambridge.

MEMORIAL SERVICES: MILES - In celebration of the 10th and 11th anniversaries of the death of Mrs M. Miles will be held at 3 pm on Monday October 7th at St James's Church, Macclesfield.

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